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Council in pledge on problem of horses

COUNCIL chiefs have pledged to take action on stray horses plaguing Dudley's streets.

Their action plan comes in the wake of a successful trial and has seen police rounding up animals in the borough.

It was introduced following a surge in calls from the public about horses causing problems in streets and roaming around parks.

Around 120 horses have been collected by police and taken outside of the borough to be rehomed since the scheme began.

The council says following its success, it will continue to impound in partnership with the police and bailiffs.

Residents will still be able to report stray horse sightings to the council and action will be taken to remove them if they are close to the road.

Work will also be undertaken to reduce the number of animals using land and nature reserves for illegal grazing.

Councillor Judy Foster, who represents the Brockmoor and Pensnett ward which has been one of the worst affected areas for stray horses, said: "I'm pleased with the work that is being done and the feedback I have got from residents is the situation is improving but there are still problems. "My only disappointment is that it took so long."

Police look for rucksack

Detectives investigating the murders of retired teacher Betty Yates and The Rev John Suddards are searching for a rucksack and mobile phone.

Police believe the items may be vital to their investigations and may be on farmland in the South East. They are appealing to farmers to check their property.

Stephen Farrow, aged 47, of no fixed address, has been charged with the murder of Mr Suddards of Thornbury, and Mrs Yates, from Bewdley.

MURDER PROBE AS BODY FOUND

by Dave Lumb & Naomi Dunning

DETECTIVES were this week probing a suspected murder after a man was found dead at a flat in Tividale. A block of flats was cordoned off following the death of the 60-year-old, while two men were quizzed by detectives on suspicion of murder.

Police and paramedics were called to the flat at 11.50pm on Monday March 5. The man was pronounced dead at the scene in Baldwin Close. As The Chronicle went to press, he had not yet been formally identified. West Midlands Ambulance service spokesman Steve Parry said an ambulance and rapid response vehicle were called to the scene by police, but were not required. The extent or nature of the victim's injuries are not yet known and a post mortem was due to be held on Wednesday.

Police spokesman Lee Page said officers have not yet recovered any weapons from the scene.

Forensics officers were scouring the ground-floor flat for clues while people living in the cul-de-sac have been speaking of their shock.

Mother-of-two Sharon Chambers, aged 31, said: "I am absolutely shocked. "I didn't hear anything last night at all. I woke up this morning and saw the police but I have no idea what happened."

Her neighbour, retired Stephen Watt, 61, who has lived in the road 32 years, said: "I had the shock of my life when I came out and saw the police."

Trouble
Pensioner Robert Oliver, a grandfather of six, added: "This is normally a quiet area, it's a nice little cul-de-sac. We never have any trouble."

"This is the first bit of drama there has ever been. It's terrible. When we got up this morning we guessed it was something serious."

Oldbury councillor Mahboob Hussain, whose ward covers Baldwin Close, said: "This is a very quiet area. We don't get many serious incidents in this area, just the occasional report of anti-social behaviour."

"It is very shocking for any community to have something like this happen, and we just have to hope that if any criminal activity has taken place the culprits are caught."

"I will be asking police to keep me up-to-date with what is happening."

Two men, aged 46 and 50, have been arrested on suspicion of murder and are currently in custody helping detectives with their inquiries.

Emmie leaps into couple's life



Proud couple James Lane and girlfriend Louise Weston, both 33, celebrate their special leap year arrival baby Emmie Louise Lane, at home in Romsey

CHILDHOOD sweethearts from Halesowen are leaping for joy after the arrival of a special, February 29 baby.

Little Emmie Louise Lane was born at 11.05am on February 29 to proud couple James Lane and Louise Weston. The 33-year-olds, who live in Bromsgrove Road, Romsey, have been together since meeting as schoolchildren aged 14. They have two other daughters, Abbie, aged nine, and Rosie, five, but unlike her sisters Emmie will only be able to truly mark her birthday once every four years.

Her delighted father James, who runs Homeserve Furniture Repairs in Brierley Hill with Louise, said: "We are going to give Emmie a birthday on March 1."

"I suppose it is a bit more special being born on February 29, what are the odds of that?"

Plans for new fire station to be shown

Plans for a new station serving Halesowen and Cradley Heath were going on show for the first time tonight.

It comes in the wake of campaigners admitting defeat in their fight to stop the proposals going ahead.

Protesters wanted to save Halesowen Fire Station by launching a judicial review in the High Court - but were forced to give up as they faced potential legal costs of up to £60,000.

Plans to shut and axe one of two 24-hour crews serving the area were approved by West Midlands Fire Service Authority despite protests.

The Halesowen station in Hagley Road is set to close on March 31.

Drop-in sessions have been organised offering the chance to see illustrations of what the station may look like.

Residents are able to look at the plans today (March 8) between 5pm to 8pm at Lutley Community Centre, Brookwillow Road, Halesowen.

A second session will be held on Saturday March 10 from 11am to 2pm at Reddall Hill Primary School, Trinity Road, Cradley Heath.

Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Phil Loach, said: "We want to engage as many people as possible from both Cradley Heath and Halesowen."

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Fraud case man bailed

THE FORMER treasurer of a Stourbridge church and a religious charity appeared in court facing charges over an alleged £500,000 fraud.

Stephen John Methuen, aged 56, of Smalman Close, Wordsley, faces 17 charges, covering the time when he was treasurer of Amblecote Christian Centre and the Christian International Relief Mission between 2003 and 2009. Dudley magistrates heard that these charges had to be heard at crown court. Methuen was bailed until May 25.

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Towns 'need their own identities'

HIGH Streets across the region need to create their own identity to survive and offer alternatives to major retail sites such as Dudley's Merry Hill shopping centre, it has been claimed.

The incoming president of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce made the comments in light of the high numbers of empty shops in town centres.

Cradley Heath solicitor Paul Ben-

nett, who will take up the post in April, says each town needs to develop its own identity.

He is also encouraging independent retailers to take up shop space.

"I think the challenge for Dudley Council and other councils is how to ensure there is an attractive proposition in some of those other areas such as Dudley, Walsall, Wolverhampton and West Bromwich," he said. "The key is going to be for

those other areas to develop their own culture and target market."

Midland high streets are facing tough times according to rankings compiled for accountancy firm PricewaterhouseCoopers by the Local Data Company.

Dudley and West Bromwich were named the two worst medium-sized towns in the country with 29 per cent and 28 per cent of shops empty respectively. Wolverhampton and

Walsall are fifth and seventh in the top 10 large towns and cities, with 27.3 per cent and 26.9 per cent of shops vacant. Mr Bennett, who is a senior partner at George Green Solicitors and is Dudley chamber president, said lower cost rates would only be a short-term answer.

"There are some business who do require some help to get them off the ground but we have to think about long-term sustainability."

Centre is told to improve services

A CENTRE for adults with learning disabilities in Stourbridge has been ordered to improve by health inspectors.

The Care Quality Commission visited the Ridge Hill Centre, Brierley Hill Road which has residents aged between 18 and 65.

It raised concerns around whether people were receiving care that met their needs and supported their rights. Inspectors reported that care plans did not always address a patient's full needs.

They called for improvements to be made. But centre bosses said it had already made changes.

The visit was part of a programme to review learning disability services and assess whether patients receive appropriate care and support, and whether they are protected from abuse.

The review included observing how people were cared for, talking to patients, relatives, staff at the centre and other professionals, looking at patients records and care plans and checking recording systems.

The Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust's associate chief operating officer, Lesley Writtle, said: "We have already made improvements."

£80 fine for having drug

A WORDSLEY man has been fined £80 for possessing cannabis worth about £10. Jamie Power, aged 35, of Smallshire Way, was also ordered to pay £85 costs, the £34 for testing the drug and a £15 victim surcharge. He admitted possessing the drug at Wordsley on December 8.

Mrs Maxine Jarrousse-Jones, prosecuting, told Dudley magistrates that, as police went to speak to Power in Wordsley, they saw him push something up his sleeve. Mr Michael Davies, defending, said Power thought it may not be genuine.

Concert cuppa

VISITORS to a Halesowen church can enjoy music and a cuppa at its Coffee Concert event on March 10. Halesowen Parish Church, Queensway will host the free concert.

It starts at 10.30am and will be followed by coffee at the Traidpoint Cafe.

Firms fined as worker burned by electric cable

Two firms have been fined after a demolition worker was engulfed in flames when he cut through a live 11,000-volt cable at an electricity substation while working in a foundry.

Gould Singleton Architects Ltd, Halesowen, and DSM Demolition Ltd, Birmingham, have been ordered to pay thousands of pounds by Worcester Crown Court. They were prosecuted by the Health and Safety Executive following the incident which took place at an electricity substation in Worcester on July 14 2006.

Collection points to donate food for families

PEOPLE can donate food to help families in need at more than 50 venues across Dudley as part of a new project.

The Big Meal Deal campaign kickstarted in the borough this week.

Libraries, leisure centres and schools are among places collecting donated food. The pilot project, launched by Dudley Council for Voluntary Service and the wider voluntary sector, aims to give meals to those who would otherwise be missing out.

Across the borough, 8,041 children and young people are eligible for free school meals. But officials say many often go without a comparable meal for two to three days of each school holiday.

Residents are being asked to donate non-perishable food.

Visit www.dudleycvs.org.uk or www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk

Alternatively, residents can also donate what they would normally spend on lunch at any Barclays Bank across the borough by quoting The Big Meal Deal.

Contact Nicki Burrows on nicki@dudleycvs.org.uk or 01384 267423.

The court heard DSM Demolition had been demolishing a foundry in Wainwright Road, when 35-year-old employee Len Harris was told to cut through a cable.

It was connected to a switching unit on a substation which was still live. Mr Harris was engulfed in flames and suffered 20 per cent burns. He has been left with permanent disabilities and required skin grafts.

Checks

The court was told Gould Singleton Architects had told DSM Demolition all services to the site had been terminated. But DSM should have checked.

DSM Demolition Ltd, of Arden Road, Birmingham, was found guilty on September 26, 2011 of breaching Section 2(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act.

The company was fined £40,000 and ordered to pay £100,000 costs by Worcester Crown Court.

Could Singleton Architects Ltd, of Whitehall Road, Halesowen, pleaded guilty to breaching Section 3(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and Regulation 15(3)(e) of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 1994. The company was fined £20,000 and ordered to pay £20,872 costs.

Speaking after the case, HSE inspector Tariq Khan said, neither of the firms made adequate checks.

£500,000 project complete



Vic Smallshire unveils the completed £500,000 project featuring new artwork and new pathways at the Dudley Canal Trust Blowers Green Junction

A MAJOR £500,000 improvement project to a stretch of the historic Dudley canal has been officially unveiled after two years of work.

The project has seen four and a half miles of canal towpath improved with two miles of the worst part resurfaced. Undergrowth has also been cleared along the Dudley No 2 Canal, which runs from Blowers Green to Gosty Tunnel, exposing more of the special geological features, once used as a teaching resource by Birmingham University.

Improvements have also been made to 10 accesses along the canal as well as the installation of a new one.

Industrial artist Luke Perry, of Duncan Street, has created 33 permanent steel sculptures to stand along the canal serving as mile-and-half mile markers.

Each one gives more detail about the history of the canal and the area.

The creations, costing £35,000, were created by Luke, aged 27, who owns Industrial Heritage Stronghold, Cradley Heath.

The £500,000 grant from the National Lottery also means the Bumblehole Nature Reserve, Netherton, and Saltwells Nature Reserve are more accessible. Chairman of Dudley Canal Trust, Vic Smallshire said the project had been a success.

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Battle for station is dropped

CAMPAIGNERS have admitted defeat in their bid to force court action over the decision to axe Halesowen Fire Station and one of two 24-hour crews in the area.

They claimed they would have struggled to find legal costs of up to £60,000 to fund the planned judicial review.

Under plans by West Midlands Fire Service one of the area's two 24-hour fire crews will be axed and Halesowen Fire Station will shut on March 31. The fire service has launched a plan to build a new station covering both Halesowen and Cradley Heath.

West Midlands Fire Authority chairman, Councillor John Edwards, said he was pleased the process could now continue unhindered.

Businessman Tony Billingham, who owns the Carlton Care group, and Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris led the campaign and helped raise £10,000 for legal fees.

Mr Billingham, chairman of the campaigners' community action group, said: "It has become clear that we would struggle to raise enough money, quickly enough, to take the case all the way."

Dog walker handed fine

A DOG walker has been penalised more than £400 for failing to clean up after his pet in a Dudley park.

Aaron Perry, aged 18, was seen allowing his dog to foul in Woodside Park, Holly Hall, Netherton in July last year.

But Perry, of Baptist End Road, failed to pay a £50 fixed penalty fine and ignored council reminders.

Dudley magistrates fined him £100 and ordered him to pay costs of £295 as well as a £15 victim surcharge, although he failed to appear in court on February 23.

Project grant

A £750 grant from the West Midlands Police Authority will help Asian women in Dudley to combat crime.

The Humaraa project, in Lye, plans to hold an awareness raising event for local Asian women.

Maimoona Ramzan of Humaraa, said: "We want to tackle the problem of Asian women who worry about going out alone."

MP vows to keep pressure on fire bosses

HALESOWEN MP James Morris has vowed to keep up the pressure on fire bosses to restore and maintain services in the area.

The passionate plea came after a campaign group pulled out of a bid to take the axing of Halesowen Fire Station and its 24-hour a day crew to a judicial review.

Mr Morris, who also represents Rowley Regis, said the campaign had brought the community together to fight for the cause.

But they could not stump up the mounting legal costs of around £60,000 to take it to the High Court. "We are obviously disap-

pointed that, despite the strong legal advice saying that the decision to cut fire protection locally was not taken legally, we have not been able to take our case all the way to court to ask for the decision to be overturned," said the Conservative MP.

Concessions

"This campaign has brought large sections of the community together and I am pleased that we have been able to gain some concessions that looked unlikely when we began.

"We will continue to argue for our area to be given the level of fire service that it

needs and will argue strongly for the restoration of the fire engine if it does turn out that the fire service's budgetary position is not as dire as they had indicated when they took this decision."

West Midlands Fire Authority chairman, Sandwell Councillor John Edwards said the possible judicial review would have been "time consuming" and expensive.

He added: "I'm pleased there will be no delay in the process for the local community to have a new merged facility for Cradley Heath and Halesowen."

West Midlands Fire Service chiefs say

they have to find savings of up to £30 million by 2014 due to government cuts.

Bosses have revealed plans to build a new fire station covering both town in the future.

They have organised sessions offering people the chance to see illustrations of what the new station could look like.

The first is on March 8 between 5pm to 8pm at Lutley Community Centre in Halesowen.

A second session will be held on March 10 from 11am until 2pm at Reddall Hill Primary School in Cradley Heath.

Fresh deal squares things up for Helix instruments

For most youngsters it was a protractor, two set squares and a ruler in a metal tin. Or if you were really flash, the Helix Torch maths set, with its funky orange plastic case and shiny silver compass, would really set you apart.

by David Lumb

For children of the 1970s, the ubiquitous Helix school sets were the classroom equivalent of block-paved driveways or the latest car registration plate. They symbolised your place in the school pecking order.

The one consolation of the September return to school was the opportunity to show all your friends your new Helix maths set. For the generations of youngsters who have grown up with Helix stationery products, the idea of the company disappearing seems hard to imagine.

Yet a few weeks ago, when the Black Country stationery firm went into administration, its future looked uncertain.

It has now been saved by a rival French company, and the well-known brand is ready to prove its heart remains firmly in the Black Country.

Helix, which has been at its factory in Lye near Stourbridge for more than 50 years, once employed about 600 workers.

However, following the buyout earlier this month by Maped, its bosses have decided to move from the

Engine Lane plant. Managing director Mike Pell said the deal is nearly done to relocate to new "flagship" premises within a few miles of the present factory. He said all 38 staff will be moving to the site within the next six to 10 weeks.

While there are no definite plans for increasing the size of the workforce at this stage, the firm says some could be taken on if growth forecasts are correct over the coming months.

Households

"It is good for the area that a well-known brand like Helix that has grown up in most households is retaining its links with the region," said Mr Pell.

"Of course there is a certain amount of uncertainty for any employees during the course of administration. But personally I'm delighted that we have been able to secure the jobs for them and their families."

Helix started life as the Universal Woodworking Company established by the Lawson family in Birmingham.



Mike Pell with some of the Helix products at the firm's Lye premises



Student teacher Julia Treen with Helix maths sets during a maths lesson with Year 10 pupils at Oldswinford Hospital School, in Heath Lane, Oldswinford, Stourbridge

Pupils facing challenge

PUPILS at Stourbridge's St Joseph's Catholic School are gearing up to compete in what is billed as the country's biggest environmental competition. The Climate Week Challenge will kick off on March 12 and 25 pupils from Year Four will take part in the competition, which will be judged by celebrities including Autumn Watch's Kate Humble, adventurer and TV presenter Bruce Parry and Spooks star Sophie Myles. The event wants people to come up with creative ideas to help the environment based on a core challenge.

Centre marks

40th anniversary

A DAY centre in Dudley has celebrated its 40th anniversary with a visit from the mayor.

Staff and regular visitors arrived to mark the milestone at Queens Cross Network, Wellington Road.

The centre, which opened in February 1972, helps adults with physical or sensory disabilities. Now known as Queens Cross Network, it is Dudley borough's centre for independent living for the disabled. It was modernised last year.

Career advice for child carers

WORCESTERSHIRE County Council is organising an event to give career advice to anyone thinking of working with children.

The council's workforce development team is organising the "Every Child Matters" careers fair on March 31 from 10am to 2pm at County Hall, Worcester.

Colleges, training providers and childcare agencies will be there to give advice about the variety of careers available, qualifications, apprenticeships and training.

Mother aims to raise swing cash

A former Dudley mother is organising an event to raise money for a special swing, costing £3,000, for her 18-year-old disabled son.

Gina Powers has arranged the Blues Brothers act and Northern Soul disco at Halesowen Members Club, Hagley Road, Halesowen, on March 16, starting at 8pm.

Tickets cost £5 each on the door.

Family brewery unveils new beer

BLACK Country brewery Holden's has launched its first new beer of the year.

Purple Haze is a 4.0 per cent golden ale using English Maris Otter malts and Fuggles hops.

The independent brewery, which has been brewing at Woodsetton since 1915, has a chain of 20 pubs and brews 50,000 pints a week.

Pancake pounds

The Midlands Air Ambulance charity have been boosted by £230 thanks to the efforts of children at Mount Pleasant Primary in Shrewsbury who sold pancakes.

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THE Royal Mail is to freeze the price of Christmas stamps for some pensioners and benefits claimants. So far, so good. Now, how about making it free for anyone under 12 to post a thank-you letter?

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REJOICE, for the Olympics Minister Hugh Robertson says he is "increasingly confident" the 2012 Games will come in under the £9.3 billion budget.

You couldn't make it up. Last we forget, the original estimate for these 16 days of running, jumping and drug-test dodging was £2.4 billion. Then it rose to £3.3 billion. As the sun rises, so does the Olympics budget. The £9.3 billion figure is merely the latest in a long line of predictions based more on hope than likelihood.

Inflate the budget often enough and eventually, the Games were bound to come in "under budget". Smoke and mirrors.

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DAMMIT, we are not getting outraged enough about old people being patronised.

A report by a committee of charity bosses and NHS bigwigs declares that residents of care homes being referred to as "dear" or "chuck" without their permission should be regarded as severely as racist or sexist abuse.

This is a tall order. By now, most people get angry and embarrassed to hear the sort of racial terms which were in common use 50 years ago. We have learned to be outraged.

But could we, or should we, work up the same outrage over the issue of how old people are addressed by care workers? Is there really any similarity between calling an old lady "chuck" and calling a black person by the N-word?

I can't see it. Most old folk in care homes are desperately glad of any human contact. And a kind word is a kind word, even if it has not been officially approved by the guardians of political correctness.

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Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Demand for urgent action on rubbish tip

CAMPAIGNERS say urgent action is needed to force a clear-up of a 30ft high rubbish pile in Brierley Hill. They claim that the rubbish which has been building up on the site of Refuse Derived Fuel Ltd, Moor Street, is beginning to smell.

Campaign to reopen shut loos

CAMPAIGNERS are calling for public toilets in Nether-ton to be reopened amid fears it will hit the town's retailers.

Councillor Qadar Zada has started a petition to get the council to rethink its decision.

He says many residents are worried about the lack of public toilets, and he believes it will deter people from visiting the town.

The toilet block in Halesowen Road was one of a number in the Dudley borough shut by the council as part of cost-cutting plans.

Councillor Zada said: "I am worried it is putting people's dignity at risk."

"Although the council says people can use toilets in shops and cafes, the owners are not going to be very happy with people coming in just to use toilets. A petition has been started because we want the council to reopen

Neighbours are demanding a strong response from Environment Agency bosses.

But officials said they are still analysing the situation and have not set a date for any further action to be taken. Agency workers were at the site last month to gain evidence of the firm's practices.

The firm shreds and dries solid waste, turning the household rubbish and industrial refuse into fuel.

Brierley Hill ward councillor Rachel Harris called for the firm to show some good will to residents. "The situation has dragged on more than a bit," she said.

"If the company is serious about remaining about trading and as a neighbour in Brierley Hill they should be doing something to show people that they are seriously listening," she said.

Serious

"The Environment Agency are quite serious about the case but this takes time."

Resident Stef Andrews, who lives in Bague Walk with her two-year-old daughter Maddie, said: "We really need something doing on this now. The rubbish is beginning to smell and it will get worse in summer."

Band setting off for UK tour



Some of the members of Shatter Effect, from left Rebecca Davies, Daryl Gardner, Robin Davies, and Ricky Hill at the Red House Glass Cone, Camp Hill, Wordsley

A DANCE-ROCK band formed online is preparing to hit the road at venues nationwide, including Wolverhampton.

Shatter Effect formed last April after meeting through an online music forum.

The five-piece from across the region has already supported Brit Award winner Ed Sheeran and The Futureheads at Cloud 9 Festival in Cheshire. The group consists of

singer Rebecca Davies, aged 28, from Kingswinford, guitarist Robin Davies, 25, from Lower Gornal, guitarist Daryl Gardner, 22, from Kingswinford, bassist Ed Johan Bol, 30, from Shifnal and drummer Ricky Hill, 28, from Wolverhampton. Their Wolverhampton dates include the Slade Rooms on April 7, the Jagged Rock Lounge on April 14 and The Varsity on April 28.

Man sent to prison for phone stun gun

A MAN who received a stun gun - disguised as a mobile phone - as a holiday gift from his ex-girlfriend has been jailed for 21 months.

Christopher Steven Loveridge, told Wolverhampton Crown Court his ex-girlfriend had brought it back from Thailand for him.

The 25-year-old said it was only when police raided his home in Spencer Road, Coseley on November 11 looking for the high voltage device he realised it was illegal.

Mr Howard Searle prosecuting, told the court Loveridge had immediately retrieved the device which he had kept inside a coat at the top of a wardrobe and handed it to police.

Loveridge had previously pleaded guilty to possessing a prohibited weapon.

Mr Patrick Currie, defending, asked the judge to view this case as an exception and not sentence Loveridge to the statutory five year jail sentence for the offence. He highlighted the weapon had not been used, that it had not been taken into a public place, he did not know it was illegal and that Loveridge had not bought the item himself.

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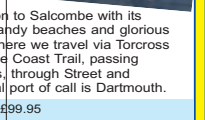
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Warden's quad bike is stolen

A CANCER sufferer has had his quad bike stolen.

Keen rider Mike Zerafa, aged 72, used the £4,500 Quadzilla bike to get around Kinner.

He also travelled around as one of the area's designated tree wardens helping to conserve nearby woods.

But the grandfather-of-four was stunned to discover his garage at his home, in Huntsmans Walk, had been broken into and the bike stolen.

Mr Zerafa was diagnosed with lung cancer last March, but his condition has not stopped him maintaining the vehicle.

"They do not think about what they are doing to people – it is annoying to me that they think they can do this," he said.

"I think they believe that people will be able to get the money back for these things through insurance but I will be lucky to get £1,000 back so it basically means my riding days are over because I can't replace it. My three-year-old grand-daughter Libby used to like sitting on it with me."

The model was a Quadzilla 500eS. Anyone with information is asked to call police on 0300 1234455 or 101.

Child hearing

AN INQUEST has opened on the sudden death of a boy from Halesowen.

Ayaan Kamran Miah Adams, aged 14 months, died at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital on February 20. The matter was adjourned to a date to be fixed to await reports.

Three churches are under threat of being closed down

Three historic churches in Dudley town centre – including the landmark Bottom Church – will close within five years unless urgent action is taken, church leaders are warning.

by Charlotte Cross

The announcement comes after an investigation into the financial health of the churches.

The Church of St Edmund, or "Bottom Church", Castle Street, St James the Great in Eve Hill and St John's, Kates Hill have all been on red alert for 12 months but have failed to make the necessary moves to stay open.

Leaders at the Diocese of Worcester today admitted continuing the three buildings into the future was "unviable".

The investigation into the finances of all seven of the churches in the Dudley town centre group, which it was claimed have been "living beyond their means" as they struggle with £1.12 million of urgent repairs and shrinking congregations.

Heritage buildings officer at the diocese, Andrew Mottram, said he previously had been reluctant to offer

more than advice until now, but had been forced to provide a "clear steer".

"I cannot tell them they have to close down – that is for the congregation and church council to decide," he said.

"But what I have done is tell them the way they are running now is not sustainable."

In an open letter sent to all seven churches, Mr Mottram told leaders: "This matter cannot drag on for much longer," and recommended St Edmund's and St John's – which has been boarded up since 2002 over safety fears – should be put on notice of closure within two years.

St James', which needs £515,000 of repair work, should be put on notice of closure within five years, he adds. Church bosses believe Bottom Church is perfectly situated to attract tourists.



Getting ready to put on a fundraising show to raise money for Charlie Harris-Beard, aged 20 months, pictured with parents Fiona Harris and Joe Beard, local businesses, clients and friends, at the Finishin' Touch salon in Stourport

A charity night to aid Charlie

STAFF AT a salon are putting the finishing touches to a charity night honouring a youngster battling leukaemia.

Charlie Harris-Beard, aged 20 months, of Kidderminster, has now returned home from hospital following a lifesaving bone marrow transplant.

When workers at Finishin' Touch hair and beauty salon in Brindley Street, Stourport, heard of his plight they wanted to help. The salon has hosted charity events for the past two years for various causes.

Staff have now decided to support Charlie and his family by donating money raised to help with his treatment.

Cash will be shared with soldiers' charity Help for Heroes. A charity night will be held at Stourport Civic Centre, in New Street, on March 15. Up-and-coming singers and dance acts are among those performing with doors opening at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Adult tickets cost £5 in advance and £7 on the door with children tickets £3 in advance and £5 on the door. Call 01299 878 838.

Adverts boost for hospice

A BUSINESSMAN is helping a Stourbridge hospice with donations from advertising revenue.

Antony Provan, owner of Digiscreens, will be supporting Mary Stevens Hospice in Hagley Road.

His digital screens are appearing around Stourbridge and adjoining areas in vets, leisure outlets and health clubs advertising businesses and under the new initiative he will give a share of the profits to the hospice, which offers care for adults who have terminal illnesses.

NEWS in brief

School holding an art exhibition

A STOURBRIDGE school is hosting an art exhibition showing work of their own pupils alongside that of local professionals. Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School, Love Lane, aims to provide an interesting idea for an exhibition.

The Deputy Mayoress of Dudley is to open the exhibition at an adults-only viewing on March 16 at 7.30pm. The exhibition is also open on Saturday March 17 from 11am-3pm.

Contact the school on 01384 394 633 or visit www.elmfield.com.

Choir centenary will aid hospice

A MALE voice choir will celebrate its centenary with a concert for a Stourbridge hospice.

Cradley Heath Male Voice Choir will perform at Brierley Hill Civic Hall, Bank Street, on April 21.

Money raised will be donated to Mary Stevens Hospice. The concert starts at 7pm with tickets costing £8 from David Cornell on 01384 393067.

Hospice head of fundraising Janet Jones said, it's an incredible achievement to have been around for 100 years.

Sheltered homes have vacancies

VACANCIES at sheltered housing schemes in Halesowen.

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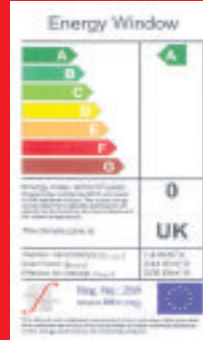
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Tributes to grandfather killed in a car accident

THE WIFE of a Dudley grandfather who died following a car crash in Kingswinford paid tribute to her loving husband who had an "addictive and cheeky" personality.



Geoffrey Harris

Geoffrey Harris, aged 56, of Abberley Road, Lower Gornal, died at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital after being involved in a two-car crash. Mr Harris' wife Valerie said his daughter Kelly had been left distraught by his death. He died just five months before Kelly's wedding.

In a statement Mrs Harris said: "As a loving wife to my husband of 36 years, I am deeply upset and distraught, as are my family in regard to this untimely death and unknown circumstances surrounding the incident that has been thrust upon our family. Geoff, as he was known by us all, was a loving husband, and had an addictive cheeky personality. He was a generous and funny man, and well-liked by all."

"He had recently become grandfather to his only daughter Kelly's first son Jacob, aged eight months, who he doted on."

"My daughter Kelly is distraught at the news of losing her father to such a tragic incident, and now raising Jacob without a grandfather in his life."

She added Mr Harris would be missed by all of his friends and family including his brothers Peter, Ian and Chris and his sisters Dianne and Anne.

Warrant issued on man

MAGISTRATES have issued a warrant for the arrest of a 21-year-old Colesey man who failed to turn up to face sentencing for driving a vehicle while banned and without insurance. Wayne Philip Ellis, of Flavell Avenue, had admitted the offences at an earlier hearing.

Insight into a DIY SOS



Back, from left, Jaz Chatha, Dodd Group and Mark Carter from Insight with, front from left, Ian Boffey, IB Property Maintenance and volunteer David Elekes as they start on the restoration of the Brierley Hill Labour Club

AN URGENT DIY SOS appeal has been made in Brierley Hill for people to help breathe new life into a boarded up community centre.

Brierley Hill group Insight for Carers has taken over the former labour club on Pearson Street with the intention of returning it to community use.

The club been out of use for two years but Insight members have plans to transform the 8,000 square foot site with a new cafe, sensory room, therapy rooms and support centre.

Plasterers, decorators, certified electricians, plumbers and gas fitters, are all being asked to roll up their sleeves and help with the transformation. Fixtures and fittings



From left, Insight members Rachel Gardener, Mark Carter and Lorraine Stockton oversee the work

including lighting, heating, floor coverings and paint are also being requested.

Anyone wishing to get involved should visit the old labour club, email loraine@insightforcarers.org or call Lorraine Stockton on 07817 320517. The group will be keeping a blog of their progress at www.insighthouse.posterous.com

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Nothing exciting about city status

Thank you Mr Polychronakis for putting your point of view E&S, February in reply to my letter.

I do realise the bid for Dudley covers the whole of the borough.

Let me point out that cities have a central point or major town centre.

The city of Dudley would not have one unless it was the Merry Hill centre.

Let us look at his points which he states the towns it encapsulates Dudley, Stourbridge, Halesowen and Brierley Hill including Merry Hill.

I notice towns that he has left out, as Dudley always has, Cosely and

Sedgley which includes the Gornals, as they always have done. What have they done for these areas?

Coseley, pulled down or planning to pull down parts of its history.

Sedgley, built one toilet which only the vandals knew where it is (was).

All in roads into Dudley centre look as though that they are still being rebuilt after the second world war.

What will the city have to offer for interest or entertainment, a cinema at Merry Hill, a cinema at castle gate, Black Country museum which is run by volunteers, the zoo and the castle

(which actually belongs to Sedgley). It does have hotels, but there is nothing in the area to give anyone a reason to stay long enough to use the hotels.

I would love for something to make me positive about a city status, but I can't.

I would like Dudley council to put some information out that would make the majority of Dudley residents excited enough to back the bid, instead of empty promises.

NORMAN D CADDICK
Upper Ettingshall Road
Cosely

Amount of bins is absolute rubbish!

RUBBISH, what utter rubbish!

My father lives in Sandwell and is now a tenant with five plastic bins!

His immediate neighbours are all single occupants so five people now have 25 bins!

Collection day looked like a Swiss Clock. The cuckoo has to be the executive who has created this ridiculous strategy.

Now two collections are made and the community still looks like the armpit of the universe with streets and parks strewn with rubbish. Create jobs for the unemployed, clean streets and waste grounds, put the money into the real community. Packaging is the responsibility of the manufacturers, send them the bins!

D GARRATT,
Cosely

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Think first before commenting on rent

IN RESPONSE to Eddie Guy's "letter of the day" I feel this man should know all the facts before saying council tenants feel like "lottery winners" just because they have had some much-needed home improvements. Why does he think councils charge rent?

I am a council tenant and pay full rent and to get any repair or improvement done is extremely difficult. For example my front door is over 20 years old and warped allowing a nasty draught into our house.

I have been told it could be two years before it gets replaced. I have a large front window which is only single glazed and again even though the council inspector stated it is no longer fit for purpose it could be two years before it is replaced with double glazing. I work hard and pay £84 per week to the council just to keep a roof over my head. The amount of home improvements I have received back over 20 years is negligible. So Eddie before making ignorant generalising statements just think about things first.

LEE CHALLENGER
Woodsetton

Taking a stand on staying in your seat

CONCERNING the menace of mobile phone usage, in theatres during the performance.

I can put up with that to a certain extent, but what really annoys me is the "stand up culture", which normally starts half way through a performance.

If the folks in front stand up, you finish up looking at some one's backside.

The only way around this is to stand yourself, then the folks behind you are in the same situation I object to paying for a seat only to stand up.

Would it not be useful to rip all the seats out and just stand up, thus the theatre could charge half price for the performance, if those standing up get tired, there could seats were they could sit for a small fee.

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Recruitment drive to get more retained firefighters

A RECRUITMENT drive for retained firefighters in Worcestershire has been launched.

New recruits are needed at Kidderminster, Stourport and Bewdley in the coming months in roles which pay up to £8,000 a year.

Bosses at Hereford and Worcestershire fire and rescue service say at least 14 positions are available, with the possibility of more, depending on the hours to which people are willing to commit.

However, they insist the recruitment process, was not a cost-cutting exercise to replace employing full-time staff.

Service spokeswoman Julie Wedgbury said the positions were part of an ongoing recruitment drive. Applicants for the jobs

need to live or work within five minutes of the fire station, and all recruits must be 18 or over at the date of joining.

Trainee firefighters receive an annual retainer of up to £2,116 plus extra pay for attending 999 calls.

When they are fully trained, they can earn up to £8,000 a year, subject to call-outs.

Successful applicants will be paid £9.66 per hour for attending incidents and training plus £3.70 disturbance payment for each emergency.

Anyone who is interested in finding out more is urged to attend an awareness session. Details of sessions for the Wyre Forest district can be found by visiting the Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service website at www.hwfire.org.uk.

Hopes on bug rating

RUSSELLS Hall Hospital's risk rating is likely to improve after the number of infections was reduced in recent months, bosses have revealed.

The hospital in Dudley has an amber/red rating by Monitor, the regulator of Foundation Trusts, because of the high number of cases of super-bug C.diff since last April. However, the number of cases has since fallen.

There were just two cases in December and one in January, and chief executive Paula Clark said the risk rating is expected to be reduced to amber/green.

Staff at the hospital have been

working to reduce numbers after 99 cases were logged between April and the beginning of December last year.

Ms Clark said: "The recent rating was in response to the high level of clostridium difficile but the conversations that we have had with Monitor and the Care Quality Commission have made sure we have seen sustained improvement and been back on line with our results."

Feedback

"From the feedback we have received, we have high hopes that the recent rating will be reviewed."

She said staff had worked on improving hygiene and reviewing each case to establish whether there

was a specific reason for the increase. The hospital has also invested in a hydrogen peroxide machine for deep cleaning.

Regular staff briefings on the superbug are held and the trust has also called upon external experts to give advice and assess whether it is taking the right action to drive down the number of cases.

It originally received the rating due to concerns by the Care Quality Commission that some patients did not receive breakfast or hot drinks.

But although improvements had been made it remained on amber/red because of the high number of C.diff cases.

Police give group £750

A COMMUNITY group in Pensnett has received £750 from the police to start a new youth club.

Fens Pool Voluntary Association was awarded the cash from West Midlands Police Authority's communities initiatives fund.

The money will be used to for the Fens Pool Play Scheme to set up a Friday club aimed at giving youngsters a place to go. It will run at its base in Tennyson Street, Brierley Hill.

Police Authority vice-chairwoman Councillor Judy Foster said: "It is important for young people to have places to go."

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There's hope for the silent sufferers

It's hard to imagine after losing natural teeth things could ever be quite the same again.

Denture wearers for too long have often tolerated a catalogue of unresolved problems from poor stabilisation, where prosthetics move on the gums, to an inability to eat a healthy diet. Added to the physical challenges are the carefully hidden embarrassing moments and the restrictions of being able to live life impulsively. These issues are further

compounded for some by an emotionally corrosive inability to smile freely.

Denturist Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS (Eng), who heads the team at the Denture Clinic in North Street, Dudley, says: "For some, losing teeth is life changing and not for the better."

But he is keen to send out a message of hope to the silent sufferers with four major treatment models now available at his clinic aimed at reversing "an untold catalogue of misfortunes" and restoring a warm and engaging smile.

Added to the comprehensive clinical toolbox of solutions – which includes traditional dentures; a cleverly designed suction denture which is held in place by tiny diaphragms creating a vacuum between the gums and teeth; and implant retained dentures – is a system known as All-on-4.

In this feature we take a snapshot of each procedure and in accessible language explain the clinical options available from Mr Burchell and his team.



The Ultra Suction system is suitable for both upper and lower prosthetics

Suction offers a new solution

A cutting-edge development to help resolve the stability problems faced by thousands of denture wearers is being offered at the Denture Clinic.

The invention has the potential to improve the life quality of patients who have previously experienced long-term problems with ill-fitting dentures.

Prosthetics are held in place by tiny valve-operated suction devices which are built into the dentures.

A clever diaphragms principle, triggered by the bite pressure on patients' gums, creates a 'sucking' vacuum between the soft-tissue mouth lining and the prosthetic.

Expectations

Mr Burchell, whose clinic attracts patients from as far as Spain, the Isle of Skye and the Isle of Anglesey, adds: "The denture revolution is evolving at a pace. In recent times we have seen what I can only describe as strident steps forward with implant-retained dentures coming into main-stream dentistry, clever technology which allows excellent fitting outcomes and now the Ultra Suction product."

"Implant dentistry is not suitable for everyone, neither is it all patients' first preference. The beauty of this technology from New Zealand is that it offers excellent denture retainer qualities without surgery."

"We have always endeavoured to be on the very cusp of clinical development and this is another tool in our commitment to always try to deliver results which are greater than patient expectations," adds Mr Burchell.

Transformations



And coming soon, the clever teeth you don't have to take out to clean...

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ARE they real, or are they false? With cutting-edge technology it's hard to know the difference between natural teeth and clever dentures.

Clinic principal Steve Burchell, whose work has attracted interest from as far as away as Spain, the Isle of Skye, Eastbourne and North Wales, is driving hard a message of hope, which is helping to change the image of false teeth and the people who wear them.

Mr Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng), says: "It's my experience that there are too many people putting up with ill-fitting dentures. With lips that are pinched, lower dentures with excessive mobility allowing food ingress between the plate and the gums, sore spots and teeth that do not function well, it's no wonder so many wearers feel at a loss in their search for solutions to their problems."

But the clinician, who has earned a country-wide reputation as a 'smile mechanic', is buoyant about the future for solutions with dentures.

He passionately embraces what he calls "the denture revolution" offering traditional denture wearers precise fittings with the latest injection moulding techniques and natural-looking teeth that are functional too.

"We desperately want people to know there is a solution for most problems. The clinic has a vast wealth of experience to draw upon and we promise to give as much time as people need to resolve issues with the best clinical outcomes," Mr Burchell adds.

IMPLANT RETAINED

A GROWING number of satisfied patients have found a renewed confidence by ditching their traditional dentures for implant retained dentures.

The procedure that became an established form of dentistry in the United States in recent years can now be carried out with the Denture Clinic – and the transition can mean new teeth, which can function just as if they were your own.

Fixed with small titanium screw-like mechanisms that are set, and eventually fused into the bone, they act an effective substitute for the roots of your missing teeth.

Implantologist, Mr Jon Pugh BDS MSc, with whom the clinic has a long-established working relationship, undertakes all the surgical procedures.

Research reveals that as little as two dental implants in the lower jaw will significantly stabilise the prosthetic. A similar procedure can secure the upper teeth, normally with four implant fixings.

The dentures can be snapped on and off their fixings by the patient and provide a guaranteed solution for stabilisation problems.

Advantages include a harmonious fit with gums, the possibility of improved speech and taste, natural chewing function and bite, no more lifting and the end of pressure spot discomfort, restored chewing ability, improved diet, the end of further jaw bone erosion and the smile of your dreams.

ALL-ON-4



A treatment pioneered in Portugal that offers denture wearers teeth that never have to be taken out for cleaning is arriving at the clinic in the New Year. Known as All-on-4, the system embraces implant technology with just four securing post supporting a titanium framework of teeth.

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The boating pool with the house and the bowling green, pictures in 1927



The Birmingham city coat of arms on the bandstand



Lightwoods Park shot in 1927 by Sydney Smith for the Smethwick Photographic Society



The bandstand in Lightwood Park pictured in 1927

Park gives Bearwood its breathing space

ONE of Sandwell's jewels, Lightwoods Park, is a much-loved green lung in heavily built up Bearwood.

The name is thought to describe the lightly wooded nature of the land on which the house was built; no hiding place for bears.

Lightwoods House is an elegant Grade 2 listed building, in a neo-classical style.

A brick set in the walls is inscribed "Jonathan Grundy, June 19th, 1780" and probably indicates the original date of construction.

The house passed through marriage from the Grundy family to the Willett family.

In 1858 it was leased to soap manufacturer George Caleb Adkins, who bought it in 1865.

Bearwood nearly lost its finest build-



By Richard Slaughter

ing in 1902 when house and park came up for sale and seemed destined to be redeveloped for more streets of terraced housing.

Alexander Chance of Smethwick Glass Works established a committee which raised £13,000 for their purchase, and then handed them over to the City of Birmingham.

It was only in 2010 that ownership was transferred to Sandwell Council.

In 1915, a garden was laid out with plants named in the works of Shakespeare. It still survives.

The park bandstand is a beautiful

example, with fine iron work. The boating pool and bowling green have gone, but are fondly remembered.

The house was used in turn as a library, a café, for recuperating soldiers and by the Sons of Rest.

The renowned stained glass firm Hardmans relocated here from Birmingham in 1971 and remained for over 30 years.

After their departure, the building was boarded up.

Today, the park has Green Flag status and benefits from an active friends group.

A skating rink was installed in Lightwoods Park last Christmas, and was so popular, it will return next December.

Further restoration of house and park is due to be funded by Sandwell Council, the Big Lottery Fund and the Heritage Lottery Fund.



George Caleb Adkins, one-time Lightwoods House owner

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Poppy puts pen to paper for a poem of protest



Poppy Scott with her mother Irene Claridge, aged 94, and the poem penned about the future of New Bradley Hall in Kingswinford

Extract of the poem by Poppy Scott

My mother's name is Irene Claridge and she has lived for 94 years, throughout her life she has experienced love, happiness and tears

Her marriage was blessed to be with a wonderful man, to be a wife, mother and then a gran

Sixty years of marriage then she lost him one day. She had lost her soulmate and did not know what to say

She was lucky to have me, her devoted daughter who loved her and pulled her through, calling to see her at her bungalow every day, missing very few

As time went by she became lonely and not feeling very well, keeping it to herself for a time and then to me she had to tell

She explained that she needed company with no disrespect to the love that I had shown, so I arranged with a social worker for her to visit

New Bradley Hall care home. When we arrived we were welcomed by the staff who were professional and took us to look around

New Bradley Hall is a Dudley Council-run residential home of excellence of which they should be very proud. My mom is so contented and cared for she wants to shout it out loud

But now they want to close this home and she does not think it's very funny

She is so upset and becoming ill but the council says 'don't worry'

They say that they are modernising the service and she has got to move

But that's not what she wants so what are they trying to prove?

So will Dudley Council please listen to what I have to say

And save a very old lady so that she can be happy again one day

A DAUGHTER has made a plea to Dudley Council through poetry to highlight her experience as her mother fights to stay at a closure-threatened Kingswinford care home.

Controversial plans to close New Bradley Hall, off Compton Drive, remain a possibility under a shake-up of care services in Dudley borough.

As campaigners lead the calls for a stay of execution during a consultation, Poppy Scott has poured her emotions into a poem. Her 94-year-old mother Irene Claridge has lived at the care home since 2008. She had moved up to Kingswinford 10 years ago from Droitwich with her husband Wilf to be closer to their family.

But Mr Claridge died two years later and Irene became increasingly reliant on her daughter and son-in-law.

Mrs Scott, a retired secretarial worker aged 70, and husband Mac, 72, have been working with an action group made up of residents, their relatives and supporters to save the home from the axe.

She worked with Mac, who was awarded an MBE in 2000 for services to people with learning disabilities, to write the poem.

It tells the tale of how Mrs Claridge came to live at the home and their feelings if she was told she has to leave.

"We just want people to know how much she loves it at New Bradley Hall and she would be devastated to have to leave," Mrs Scott said. The first of five public meetings during the consultation, held by officials from the charity Age UK Dudley, is on March 7 at Age UK Sedgley's base, in Etymore Road, between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

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Plans to build gym on derelict car showroom

PLANS have been lodged to open a gym on a derelict car showroom in an area of Dudley earmarked for a regeneration project.

The pay-as-you-go gym could be built in King Street at the former Fiat and Alfa Romeo dealership.

Dudley Council officials are desperate to redevelop the rundown plot to create an improved gateway into the town. King Street could be fully reopened as a main commuter route under the scheme having been partly covered into a bus lane about five years ago.

A change of use proposal to transform the showroom into a gym with nearby parking spaces has been submitted by Richard Sheldon.

Midland-based agent Delta Planning has worked on the scheme on behalf of the applicant and spokesman David Green said they were looking to secure a lease and planning permission for the site.

He confirmed the premises would be an "express-style" affordable gym but said other areas of the town were also being considered for the new business.

Ward Councillor Malcolm Davis said the King Street area needed a revamp, adding: "Any decent development so long as it is happy to put money into the town would be a good thing." A transport plan looking at the impact of the gym on congestion has been drawn up. It states the "proposed level of parking provision is adequate for the scale of development."

Mystery over dead dog

THE RSPCA is appealing for information after the discovery of a dead dog in a Dudley canal, which had its legs tied. The female Dogue de Bordeaux was pulled from the water at Primrose Bridge, off Cradley Road, Netherton. The dog's legs were tied with electric cable and its head covered by a plastic bag.

Hefty theft of weights



Weightlifter Wayne Russell who has had his weights stolen

A musclemann, who is training for the World's Strongest Man competition, has had £2,500 of weights stolen.

The thieves broke into strongman Wayne Russell's storage container in Dudley.

Around 30 specially-made 66kg iron weights were taken and police believe the thieves would have needed to make several trips to

transport them all. Father-of-six Mr Russell, aged 39, of Tipton, said he felt "gutted" after discovering the theft when he turned up for training at the Dell Stadium in Pensnett.

He said police had told him the weights were likely to have been stolen to sell for their scrap value.

Mr Russell, said: "It has interfered with my training because I don't have any weights to use."

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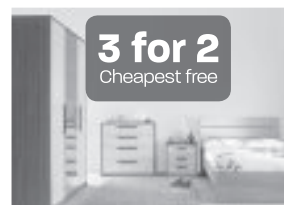
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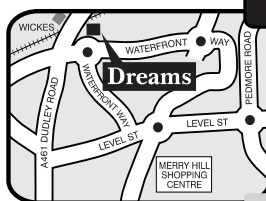
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CLUB NEWS

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Quiz date brought forward

WORDSLEY 'M' TOWNSWOMEN

THE February meeting was opened by chairman Barbara Gregory with minutes of the previous meeting prepared by secretary Liz Moseley.

Treasurer Josie Bunn gave a detailed view of last month's accounts, while Liz read out the results of the 'payments by cheque' petition from HQ. The overwhelming outcome was that the use of cheques was still a prime form of payment.

Ann Birchill reminded members of the arts and crafts exhibition at the Water Hall gallery, Birmingham on June 28 and 29 at the same time as the Federation AGM on June 29.

The inter-guild quiz has been brought forward from October to April 30. Tea, cakes and humorous poetry is arranged for May 30 at Wollaston church hall.

The first coffee morning of the spring will be on March 14 at the home of Pat Caddick.

The patchwork quilt on display that Barbara made will be raffled off at the March AGM and there will be a special cake to mark the 10th anniversary of the guild. All proceeds of the raffle will go to guild funds.

The April 16 meeting, starting at 10am, will be an 'open house' where visitors from Wordsley area can come along and see what their local guild has to offer. It will feature humorous and enlightening entertainment by Richard Westcott with 'confessions of a pantomime dame'. Admission is £2.

Ladies take Pepys at Samuel's diary



The diaries of Kenneth Williams and Samuel Pepys were the guest speaker's topic

THE meeting was opened by chairman Doreen Armstrong who welcomed 42 members and eight visitors. She then welcomed our speaker for the day, Mr David Hickman.

After the business reports, Doreen announced a scrabble club would be held on the third Monday of every month at the new Blackheath central library. Any members wishing to join should contact the organiser Doreen Smith.

Treasurer Beryl Hartley read out the balance for the end of the year and said all necessary papers were with the auditor and a balance sheet would be presented at the AGM on March 28 at Moose Hall, from 10.30am.

BLACKHEATH 'M' TOWNSWOMEN

The speaker was introduced and his topic was 'diaries I've enjoyed'. Members also enjoyed the diaries as David read to extracts from the journals of several well known diarists.

They were quite surprised to learn that Mr Samuel Pepys, secretary of the Admiralty, was a rather naughty man with the ladies and didn't mind telling everyone about it, in detail, in his journals. It was in great contrast to the writings of actor, Mr Kenneth Williams, who told of his rather sad and lonely life.

Jubilee tea party planned

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MINUTES of the previous meeting were duly read, approved and signed and one visitor was welcomed.

Advance warning was given of a sponsored walk in aid of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers. This will be in September, when all guilds in the country hope to amass a cumulative total of 874 miles - the distance from Lands End to John O'Groats.

Federation notices include visit to Wollerton Hall

Gardens and a Jubilee tea party, with poetry readings. Bookings are also being taken for arts and craft workshop later in the year.

There will be a meeting of the Scrabble group on March 8. The next Lunch-on Club meeting will be at The British Oak.

Names were requested for the quiz team, the date of which will be in April.

John Pickwood spoke of the chainmakers' strike in Cradley Heath, which came to the attention of Mary MacArthur, a worker's rights activist. He was thanked by Sue Cotterell.

Raffle prizes were won by Joyce Major, Mavis James, Chris Grove and Sheila Watts.

The March 12 meeting will be the AGM and the speaker will be Sue Clegg to talk about "Hong Kong before the handback".

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Festival looking for more keen walkers

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Dudley Council is organising walks unveiling the history and beauty of the borough from April 28 to May 6.

Nature-inspired rambles include a spring flower walk in Sedgley, Saltwells' bluebell tour, a health walk around Bumble Hole, the Lutley trail and the dawn chorus bird spotting walk.

There will also be walks of historical interest, with a stroll through time at Himley Hall and Park and an exploration of medieval Dudley's town centre.

The festival will end with the popular Dudley Trail, which offers walking routes of six, nine, 12, 18 and 26 miles, on May 6. Councillor David Stanley said: "As a borough we are working our way towards being healthier and this festival is a great way for us to celebrate the benefits of being active."

"Last year thousands of people took part in the festival and enjoyed the borough in its spring time bloom."

A healthy way of learning about food



Sainsbury's Yvonne Artiss with, from left, Ellie Pope and Emma Kindon, of Ridge Primary, and Lydia Robinson and Mary Taylor of Ridgewood High

SCHOOLCHILDREN throughout Stourbridge are being taught about healthy eating.

Two representatives from each of 25 schools in the Stourbridge Learning Partnership recently got together to learn more about making healthy food choices. Now they have gone back to their own schools to spread the word.

Deb Hudson, headteacher of The Ridge Primary School, Stourbridge, said: "It's important, with levels of childhood obesity soaring these days, to engage young people to make healthy choices."

"The recent session helped children to understand how much fat and sugar is in different foods."

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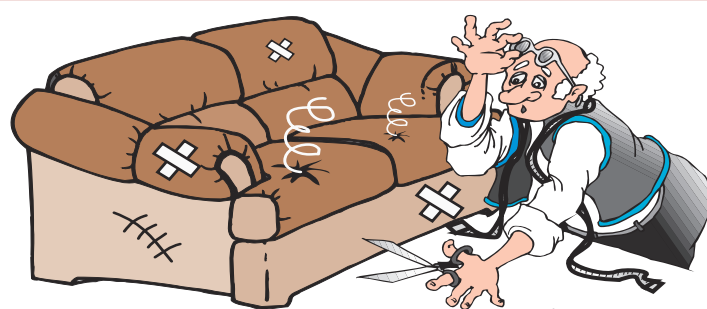
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To celebrate their opening in the Ryemarket shopping centre on February 17, Thomas Cook Stourbridge – in conjunction with Birmingham Airport and the Elba Sara Hotel – is offering one person the chance to win a seven-night stay for two adults at the beautiful four star Elba Sara hotel in Fuerteventura.

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Governors

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We have been working in partnership with another local Halesowen school, Lapal Primary, for the last few years and we have now just started the first Federation in Dudley in January.

This Federation of Lapal and Lutley Primary Schools will mean that both schools can work together in the best interests of the children, staff and community.

We know that our new federation is going to be very successful as our schools are very well matched and we will work hard to ensure that we maintain and improve upon existing high standards across both schools.

Jeannette Mackinney,
headteacher



Growing in more ways than one - Lutley Primary pupils

Play Zone getting ready for next intake of children eager to grow

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The academy was opened by Simon Davies, chief executive officer of the Teenage Cancer Trust, and James Morris, MP for Halesowen and Rowley Regis.

As part of the launch all students were addressed by a team of education leaders from the TCT, followed by workshops on healthy living, stereotypes and emotions.

Adam Johnson, education manager for the TCT commented: "It was a privilege being part of the launch and having the opportunity to talk to fantastic students."

"The whole of our team present on the day had a great time and were blown away by the quality of the work produced."

Older students composed poems about dealing with teenage cancer, a number of which were read out by students at the launch.

Poems

Principal, Andrew Burns, said: "I know we have a fantastic student body, but the way they engaged with empathy was absolutely superb."

"Such was the quality of poems produced by Year 10 and 11 students we are going to work with the TCT to publish the poems, and sell them to raise funds for the TCT."

"Choosing poems to be read out at the launch was extremely difficult."

The event also included a balloon launch, where students with excellent attendance and conduct were allocated a balloon.

The students' whose balloons travelled the furthest distance were awarded a prize by the academy, as well as tickets to a TCT concert.

One balloon was found at the base of Ben Nevis and another was rather randomly found on a yacht in the English Channel.

Saddique Hussain, vice chairman of governors, who presented the prizes, joked: "We had to award two prizes because we could not be sure how far the yacht travelled."



Saddique Hussain, vice chairman of governors, right, with prize-winning students at Ormiston Forge Academy, Sandwell

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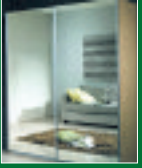
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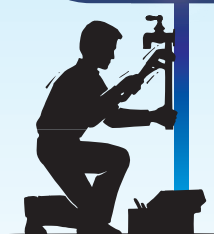


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ITV1, 9pm

Wossy has gone up against his fair share of Hollywood A-listers in his time, but will he have what it takes to hold his own against Jack Bauer himself, Kiefer Sutherland? The former 24 star is dropping in to discuss his new venture, the Sky1 series Touch, in which he plays a single father in New York whose mute son is trying to communicate through mysterious numbers and codes. Also dropping in for a chat is Mamma Mia! actress Amanda Seyfried, who no doubt will find time to talk about her new film, the thriller Gone, which is released later in the month. Singer-songwriter Paul Weller provides the music.

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.35** Rachel Allen: Home Cooking. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Swimming. **2.00** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Wales v Italy (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Ireland v Scotland (Kick-off 5.00pm).

6.55 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

7.10 Let's Dance for Sport Relief. With Rowland Rivron, Fatima Whitbread, and Suzi Perry and Oris Deley. Music is provided by Will Young and LMFAO.

8.30 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. New series. Dale Winton hosts the quiz show in which five contestants answer questions to scoop a big prize. John Partridge presents the Lotto and Thunderball draws.

9.20 Casualty. Part two of three. Anton becomes increasingly paranoid that Stevie will talk to the police, and resorts to extreme measures to ensure his silence.

10.10 BBC News: Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Bolton Wanderers v Queens Park Rangers; National Lottery Update.

11.40 The Football League Show. Highlights and all the goals from today's fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Brighton & Hove Albion v Portsmouth.

12.55 Weatherview. **1.00** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** The Sky at Night. (R) **12.40** Film: In Search of the Castaways. (1962) Children's adventure, starring Hayley Mills. **2.15** Film: The War Bride. (2001) Wartime drama, starring Anna Friel. **4.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.30** Final Score. **5.30** Flog It!

6.30 Dad's Army. An enemy aircraft ditches close to the town. (R)

7.00 The Story of Light Entertainment. How stars of radio made the transition to TV, taking with them new entertainment formats and shows like Little Britain and Hancock's Half-Hour. (R)

8.00 The Story of Musicals. Popular culture's influence on British musical theatre since the 1990s, from Jason Donovan's West End debut as Joseph to 'jukebox musicals' such as Mamma Mia! Last in the series.

9.00 I'm a Pop Star! Life as a solo singer, with contributions by Kylie Minogue and Will Young. Last in the series.

10.00 TOTP2: Pop Stars. Performances by Cliff Richard, Madonna, Justin Bieber and Rihanna.

11.00 The Sarah Millican Television Programme. The comedienne presents TV-based stand-up and chat. (R)

11.30 FILM: The Stepford Wives. (2004) Black comedy remake, starring Nicole Kidman.

1.00 Film: Spider. (2002) Thriller, with Ralph Fiennes. **2.35** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** This Morning: Saturday. **12.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.40** Film: Innerspace. (1987) Sci-fi comedy, starring Dennis Quaid. **3.55** Film: Evan Almighty. (2007) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Carell. **5.35** Regional News; Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 All Star Family Fortunes. Wild at Heart's Dawn Steele (Alice Trevanion) and Dancing on Ice judge Robin Cousins team up with their relatives in a bid to win a large cash prize for charity. Vernon Kay hosts.

7.00 All New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates camcorder calamities.

7.30 Harry Hill's TV Burp. Comic review of the week's small-screen highlights.

8.00 Take Me Out. An athlete, a farmer and a rock musician try to impress 30 single women, and last week's couples go on their dates.

9.00 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Kiefer Sutherland, Amanda Seyfried and Paul Weller.

10.00 ITV News: Weather. **10.15** FILM: The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift. (2006) Motor-racing adventure, starring Lucas Black.

12.05 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** In Plain Sight. **3.45** ITV News. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.05 Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Grid. **7.00** Live Athletics. The World Indoor Championships. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Live Athletics. The World Indoor Championships. **10.30** T4: New Girl. (R) **11.00** T4: Charlie's Angels. **11.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.05** Channel 4 News. **4.25** 4thought.tv. **4.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.35** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.00 Come Dine with Me. Aly Nicholson hosts the penultimate dinner party in Peterborough. (R)

6.35 Come Dine with Me. Ricky Dent throws the final party in Peterborough. (R)

7.05 Come Date with Me. Four bachelors compete for the affections of 26-year-old Elle Bretnagne.

8.00 Big Fat Gypsy Weddings. Travellers who have found romance outside their own community. (R)

9.00 The Bank Job. George Lamb invites the most successful contestants back to the London bank vault for a chance to win even more money.

10.30 FILM: Orphan. (2009) Horror, starring Vera Farmiga.

12.45 The Secret Policeman's Ball 2012. (R) **2.40** Lucky Escape. (R) **2.45** Film: You, The Living. (2007) Comedy drama, starring Jessica Lundberg. **4.20** Reaper. (R) **5.00** 90210. (R) **5.40** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.20** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) **12.25** Film: Madron. (1970) Western, starring Richard Boone. **2.15** Film: Blood Alley. (1955) Action adventure, starring John Wayne. **4.30** Film: The Green Berets. (1968) Vietnam War adventure, starring John Wayne.

7.15 5 News Weekend.

7.20 NCIS. The family of a child who finds a gun suspected of being a murder weapon at a naval base comes under suspicion, leaving the team to discover who used it last. (R)

8.15 NCIS. The team investigates the deaths of a radio DJ and naval officer. (R)

9.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. One of Langston's former students is found dead, raising the suspicion that her thesis – investigating the murders of three women 11 years previously – could have made her a target. (R)

10.10 CSI: NY. A party ends in tragedy when the hostess is killed in what appears to be an accident, and Danville takes on the case of a serial rapist who previously eluded her.

11.10 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A teenager is found burned to death.

12.05 SuperCasino. **4.00** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2
2.05 American Idol **4.50** Film: Batteries Not Included (1987) **7.00** Film: Richie Rich. (1994) Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin. **9.00** Take Me Out – The Gossip **9.45** Celebrity Juice **10.30** Film: Daylight. (1996) Disaster movie, starring Sylvester Stallone.

ITV3

2.45 A Touch of Frost **5.00** Life with Judy Garland: Me and My Shadows **6.55** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Those Who Kill

ITV4

1.25 Film: Thunderball (1965) **4.05** Film: Kelly's Heroes (1970) **7.00** The Sweeney **8.00** Minder **9.00** Film: Assassins (1995) Thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone and Antonio Banderas. **11.40** Film: The Black Windmill. (1974) Spy thriller, starring Michael Caine.

BBC THREE

7.00 Doctor Who **8.35** Top Gear **9.35** Live at the Apollo **10.10** Film: Deep Impact (1998)

BBC FOUR

7.00 The Golden Age of Canals **8.00** Sicily Unpacked **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.55** Top of the Pops: The Story of 1977 **11.55** Horizon: To Infinity and Beyond

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1.35 Holyoaks **4.10** Perfect Couples **4.40** Scrubs **5.35** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **7.30** Rules of Engagement **8.30** Happy Endings **9.00** Film: The Wedding Date (2005) **10.45** The Big Bang Theory **11.40** The Cleveland Show

FILM4

2.55 Swiss Family Robinson (1960) **5.25** Freaky Friday (1976) **7.20** Dumb and Dumber: When Harry Met Lloyd. (2003) Comedy prequel, starring Eric Christian Olsen and Derek Richardson. **9.00** (500) Days of Summer. (2009) Romantic comedy, starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Zooey Deschanel. **10.50** Carriers (2009)



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ITV1, 8.30pm

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6.00 Breakfast. **7.45** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. From Manor CE School in York. **11.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.05** Match of the Day Live. Middlesbrough v Leeds United (Kick-off 12.15pm). **2.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. France v England (Kick-off 3.00pm). **5.10** Songs of Praise. **5.45** Land Girls. (R)

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Julia Bradbury explore north Kent. John Craven investigates the impact staple foods have on the environment and Adam Henson prepares his farm for spring.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team visit the Weald & Downland Open Air Museum in Chichester.

9.00 Upstairs Downstairs. Spargo signs up for a boxing tournament to impress Beryl.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **10.25** Room 101 — Extra Storage. With John Prescott, Rebecca Front and Micky Flanagan. Last in the series.

11.05 Would I Lie to You? With Ronnie Corbett, Sarah Millican, Holly Walsh and Julian Clary.

11.35 The Celebrity Apprentice USA. The two finalists throw a VIP party. Last in the series.

1.40 Weatherview. **1.45** Sign Zone: Film 2012 with Claudia Winkleman. (R) **2.25** Hobby City. (R) **3.25** The Last Explorers. (R) **4.25** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.05** Flog It! **11.05** Escape to the Country. (R) **12.05** EastEnders. **2.00** Film: The Mosquito Coast. (1986) Drama, starring Harrison Ford. **3.50** Film: First Knight. (1995) Arthurian adventure, starring Sean Connery.

6.00 I'm a Pop Star! Life as a solo singer, with contributions by Kylie Minogue and Will Young. Last in the series. (R)

7.00 World's Most Dangerous Roads. Ben Fogle and Hugh Dennis undertake a perilous journey through the Peruvian Andes, driving along dirt roads and remote mountain trails. Last in the series. (R)

8.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May try to go motor racing for less than it costs to play golf. With rock star Slash and F1 driver Kimi Raikkonen. Last in the series.

9.00 Orbit: Earth's Extraordinary Journey. From January to the March equinox.

10.00 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Manchester United v West Bromwich Albion.

11.10 Rugby Union: Six Nations Highlights. Action from the penultimate weekend of the championship.

11.55 FILM: A Boy Called Dad. (2009) Premiere. Drama, starring Ian Hart and Kyle Ward.

1.15 Film: The Wackness. (2008) Comedy drama, starring Ben Kingsley. **2.50** BBC News. **4.25** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.30** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.30** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.45** Film: Columbo Goes to College. (1991) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.40** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.40** Regional News; Weather. **5.55** ITV News; Weather.

6.10 You've Been Framed! (R)

6.40 Harry Hill's TV Burp. Comic review of the week's small-screen highlights. (R)

7.15 Dancing on Ice. The five remaining celebrities incorporate props into their routines as they battle for places in next week's semi-final.

8.30 Wild at Heart. Strange things are happening at Leopard's Den as Danny prepares to leave for the UK. Du Plessis makes an alarming discovery about Ed and Fiona. Last in the series.

9.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The two lowest-scoring couples compete.

10.05 ITV News; Weather. **10.20** Whitechapel. Part two of two. Miles and Chandler struggle to put aside their differences. Last in the series. (R)

11.15 Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union. Highlights of the semi-finals of the cup competition.

12.10 The Zone: ITV News Headlines. **2.40** River Monsters. (R) **3.30** ITV Nightscreen. **5.35** ITV Morning News.

6.25 The Hoobs. (R) **6.50** The Hoobs. (R) **7.20** That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.45** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. (R) **8.10** T4: The Crush. **8.45** T4: Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.20** T4: Frasier. (R) **9.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **11.30** T4: Channel 4 Presents — 2012: David Clarke — Part Two. (R) **11.35** Live Athletics. The World Indoor Championships. **4.00** The Simpsons. (R) **4.30** Deal or No Deal. **5.30** Come Dine with Me.

6.30 Channel 4 News. **7.00** 4thoughtv. **7.05** Home of the Future.

The Pererats try out a selection of health-related gadgets. Last in the series.

8.00 Searching for Shakespeare's House: A Time Team Special. Tony Robinson and the team dig at the site of New Place, the home of William Shakespeare in Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, to reveal how large the Bard's house actually was.

9.00 Homeland. Brody's increasingly erratic behaviour threatens his status as a national hero, and Carrie searches for evidence linking him to Abu Nazir.

10.00 FILM: The Final Destination. (2009) Premiere. Horror sequel, starring Bobby Campo.

11.40 FILM: Wolf. (1994) Romantic horror, with Jack Nicholson and Michelle Pfeiffer.

2.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) **3.20** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.30** 90210. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerlots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.45** Mio Mao. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **10.00** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **10.55** Stansfeld: The Inside Story. (R) **11.55** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.55** Film: Sabrina the Teenage Witch. (1996) Supernatural comedy, starring Melissa Joan Hart. **2.45** Film: Cheaper by the Dozen. (2003) Family comedy remake, starring Steve Martin. **4.35** Film: Are We There Yet? (2005) Family comedy, starring Ice Cube.

6.20 FILM: Men in Black II. (2002) Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones.

8.00 Big Body Squad. (R) **8.55** 5 News. **9.00** FILM: Layer Cake.

(2004) Crime thriller, starring Daniel Craig.

11.10 FILM: The Boys from Brazil. (1978) Thriller, starring Laurence Olivier.

1.35 SuperCasino. **3.55** Europa League Football. **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hansel & Gretel. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2
3.30 The Cube **4.30** All Star Family Fortunes **5.15** Film: The Scorpion King (2002) **7.10** Film: Kangaroo Jack. (2003) Comedy, starring Jerry O'Connell and Anthony Anderson. **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** Film: Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels. (1998) Comedy crime thriller, starring Nick Moran.

ITV3
3.50 Film: Carry On Cowboy (1966) **5.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Foyle's War. A pro-fitter organisation is investigated. **11.00** Cracker

ITV4
3.20 Film: The Rawhide Years (1956) **5.10** Film: Rio Bravo (1959) **8.00** Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union **9.00** Film: The Black Windmill. (1974) Spy thriller, starring Michael Caine. **11.15** Film: Death Wish V: The Face of Death. (1994) Thriller sequel, starring Charles Bronson.

BBC THREE
7.00 Let's Dance for Sport Relief **8.00** The Secret of Everything **9.00** Being Human **10.00** Pramface **10.30** Family Guy **11.15** American Dad!

BBC FOUR
7.00 Songwriters' Circle: The American Folk **8.00** She Wolves: England's Early Queens **9.00** Film: Frost/Nixon. (2008) Fact-based drama, starring Frank Langella and Michael Sheen. **10.55** Film: Birdwatchers. (2008) Premiere. Brazilian drama, starring Abriso da Silva Pedro.

E4
4.20 Samantha Who? **4.50** Being Erica **5.50** 90210 **6.45** Film: Night at the Museum (2006) **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Skins

FILM4
2.55 The Parent Trap (1961) **5.30** Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) **7.20** Zoolander (2001) **9.00** Kiss the Girls (1997) **11.15** Equilibrium (2002)

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Monday

BBC1 9.00 Breakfast, 9.15 Crie and Punishment, 10.00 Homs Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather, 11.00 Cowboy Trip, 11.45 Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather, 12.15 Bargain Hunt; (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather, 1.30 Regional News; Weather, 1.45 The Big Reveal; 2.00 The Money Game; 2.30 Weather; Regional News, 3.05 CBBC, 5.15 Pointless, 6.00 BBC News; Weather, 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather, 7.00 The One Show, 7.30 Bang Goes the Theory; BBC News; Regional News, 8.15 The Big Reveal; 8.45 The Big Reveal; Pirates - Panorama, 9.00 Empire, 10.00 BBC News, 10.25 Regional News; Weather, 10.35 A Question of Sport, 11.05 Late Kick Off, 11.35 The Graham Norton Show; (R) 12.20 Weatherview, 12.30 The Big Reveal; 1.00 The Big Reveal; The Driving Seat; (R) 1.20 Accused; (R) 2.20 Great British Food Festival, (R) 3.20 Antiques Road Trip.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies, 7.00 CBBC, 8.30 CBBCish, 11.30 BBC World News
 12.00 Daily Politics, 1.00 My Life in Books, 2.30 Living Dangerously, (R) 2.15 Weakest Link, 3.00 Escape to the Country, (R) 3.45 Flog It! (R) 4.30 Breakaway, 5.15 Antiques Road Trip, 6.00 Eggheads, 6.30 Britain's First Photo Album, 7.00 Top Gear, (R) 8.00 University Challenge, 8.30 Home Cooking Made Easy, (R) 9.00 The Tube, 10.00 Watson & Oliver, 10.30 Newsnight, Weather, 11.20 This Week: Interviews Before Execution, A Crime Story, 11.50 The 100 Greatest, 12.30 The Sinner, League Show, 1.00 BBC Learning Zone

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 11.30 Loose Women. 12.00 News. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional News; 4.00 Midsomer Murders. 4.30 The Bill. 5.00 News. 5.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Dales. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Scott & Bailey. 10.00 ITV News at Ten. 10.30 Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 11.00 News. 11.30 The Big Day Mayday. (R) 11.35 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Ulrika Jonsson. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.30 Champions League Weekly. 2.55 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 3.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** Chris Hulse Tonight. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** According to Jim. **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Undercover Boss USA. (R) **9.55** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) **11.00** You Deserve This. House Tonight. (R) **11.05** News Summary. **12.05** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. **12.35** Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Ellie Simmonds Part Two. How the Paralympic swimming gold medalist copes with pressure. (R) **12.40** River City. (R) **1.00** The World's Worst. (R) **1.10** The based Second World War drama, starring Robert Taylor. **3.30** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.30** Four in a Bed. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. (R) **7.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **8.00** The Turn of Mind. **9.00** Embarrassing Bodies. **10.00** My Phone Sex Secrets. **11.05** Homeland. (R) **12.10** Random Acts. **12.15** Shameless. (R) **11.00** Out on a Limo. (R) **2.10** Laid Off. (R) **2.20** Home on the Range. (R) **2.30** The Birth of a Nation. (R) **3.00** Britain. (R) **4.15** Genius of Britain. (R) **5.10** Countdown. (R) **5.55** Salt Mail. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff 11.10 Live with Gabby 12.10 5 News Lunchtime 12.15 Emergencies Bikers. (R) 1.15 Home and Away 1.45 Neighbours 2.15 The Mentalist. (R) 3.15 Film: The Accidental Witness. (2006) Premiere Thriller, starring Natasha Gregson Wagner and Currie Graham. 4.00 5 News at 4 4.30 5 News at 5.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00 Stansfeld: The Inside Story. (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 Ultimate Police Interceptors: 5 News at 9. 9.00 Film: Revolver. (2005) Drama, with Jason Statham. 11.25 Film: Gridiron Gang. (2006) Fact-based drama. 11.55 Film: The Wild Chase. (2006) SuperCino. 3.55 House Doctor. (R) 4.20 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.10 Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 9.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Crime and Punishment. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Cowboy Trap. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 The Big Breakfast. 2.00 Doctors. 2.15 Missing. (R) 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 The Holly City. 9.00 Match of the Final. 9.30. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather; National Lottery Update. 10.35 Letting Go. 11.20 Who Do You Think You Are? US. (R) 12.05 Film: It Runs in the Family. (2004) Drama, starring Kirk Douglas and Robert De Niro. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 The Big Breakfast. 2.00 Doctors. 2.15 Missing. (R) 2.55 The Last Explorers. (R) 3.55 Great British Food Festival. (R) 4.55 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 My Life in Books. (R) 1.30 Living Dangerously. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. 3.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.45 Food It! (R) 4.30 Breakaway. 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Britain's First Photo Album. 7.00 Rugged Wales. 8.00 The Hairy Bikers' Bakeathon. 9.00 Horizon. 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Rubicon. 12.05 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 6.50 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 The Hoobs. (R) According to Jim. 7.55 Tuesday Morning Line. 8.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.25 Frasier. (R) 9.55 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) 11.00 You Deserve This House. 12.00 Channel 4 News. Midday Summary. 12.05 Baking Mad with Eric. 1.00 The Big Bang Theory. 1.30 The News. 1.55 coverage of the opening day of the prestigious event. 4.15 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Four in a Bed. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thoghtful. 8.00 SuperSize vs SuperSnixy. 9.00 Fight Gypsy Wedding. 10.00 Snixy. 10.30 Random Act. 11.10 Depperate Housewives. 12.00 Cheltenham Festival Highlights. 12.40 Poker. 1.35 Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. 2.00 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 2.25 The Grid. (R) 2.55 Late Night Poker. (R) 3.50 That Paralympic Show. (R) 4.15 The Big Bang Theory. 4.45 The News. Extra. 5.00 different varieties of football played at the Games. 5.10 Full Metal Challenge. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff, **11.10** Live with Gaby. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Emergency Bikers. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: NY. (R) **3.15** Film: Angels Fall. (2007) **3.45** The Bill. (R) **4.15** North & South, starring Heather Locklear and Johnathan Schaech. Edited for daytime broadcast. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. Michael confronts Summer. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. Brax takes on the cast as new boss. (R) **6.30** The Bill. (R) **6.45** At 6.30: **7.00** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers; (R) **7.15** The Bill. (R) **7.30** The Bill. (R) **7.45** 5 News Update. **8.00** The Great Falklands Gamble: Revealed; **5** News at 9. **9.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. News stories. The woman joins the cast as new boss. **9.15** The Bill. **10.00** The team tries to stop a sniper. (R) **10.55** CSI: Miami. The team discovers the severed leg of a girl who went missing in Nevada. (R) **11.55** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. News stories. **12.00** SuperSOS. **1.00** SuperSOS. **1.35** House Doctor. (R) **4.20** World's SOS. **5.10** Milkshake! **5.45** The Wild Challenge.

Wednesday

BBC1 10.00 Breakfast, 9.15 Crime and Punishment, 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather, 11.00 Cowboy Trax, 11.45 Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather, 12.15 Bargain Hunt, 1.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News; Weather, 1.45 Doctors, 2.15 Missing; (R) 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News, 3.05 CBBC 5.15 Pointless, 6.00 BBC News; Weather, 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather, 7.00 The Big Breakfast; News, 7.30 News; Weather; Regional News, 8.00 Waterloo Road, 9.00 MasterChef: The Final Three, 10.00 BBC News, 10.25 Regional News; Weather, 10.35 The National, 11.00 Wednesday Night News, 11.45 Kate Bridge; that's it, it's all over for 2010, with Claudia Winkleman; National Lottery Update, 11.55 Film: The Children, 20.00 Premiere, Horror, starring Eva Birthistle, 1.15 Weatherview, 1.20 News, 1.30 News, 1.45 News, 1.55 Upstairs Downstairs, (R) 2.50 How to Grow a Planet, 3.50 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 Daily Politics. 1.00 News. 1.30 Living. 2.00 Bangerz. (R) 1.15 See Hear. 3.30 Escape to the Country. 4.45 Weakest Link. 5.30 Escape to the Country. 5.45 *Flot III* (R) 4.30 Breakaway. 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eeghads. 6.30 Britain's First Photo Album. 7.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 7.30 Watson & Oliver. (R) 8.00 The Fisherman's Apprentice with Monty Halls. 9.00 Rights Gone Wrong? 10.00 Roger & Val Have Just Got In. 10.30 The Big Bang Theory. 11.00 The Bill. Client 9: The Call Girl and the Governor. (2010). 12.50 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak, 8.30 Lorraine, 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show, 10.30 This Morning, 12.30 Loose Women, 1.30 ITV News; Weather, 1.55 Regional News; Weather, 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal, 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show, 3.59 Regional Weather, 4.00 Midsomer Murders, (R) 5.00 The Chase, 6.00 Regional News; Weather, 6.30 ITV News, 7.00 Weather, 7.30 Live UEFA Champions League, 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather, 10.30 Regional News; Weather, 10.35 UEFA Champions League: Extra Time, 11.35 Kidnap and Ransom, (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines, 2.30 Film: Quadrophania, (1979) 4.30 ITV Nightscreen, 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.05 Channel 4 Presents... 2012: Danielle Brown - Part Two. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. 7.55 Festival Morning Line. 8.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. 9.30 The Mentalist. 10.00 The Secret Agent. (R) 11.00 You Deserve This House. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. 12.30 Cheltenham Festival. 1.15 Let's Go or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Four in a Bed. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 thought4u. 8.00 SuperScrimps: Top 10 Money... 8.30 The 100 Greatest TV Moments. 9.00 10 O'Clock. 10.15. 10.55 Sir Lancelot: Killing Fields: War Crimes Unpunished. 11.55 Random Acts. 12.00 Cheltenham Festival Highlights. 12.30 Music on 4: Black Cab Sessions. 1.00 Music on 4: The Album Chart. 1.30 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show: Spotlight. 1.35 Music on 4: 4Play: All the Young. 1.50 Music on 4: 4Play: Jodie Marley. 2.05 Music on 4: The Road. (R) 3.45 Film: Dragonwyck. (14) 5.25 Reaper. (R)

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BBC1 10.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Crime and Punishment. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Cowboy Trap. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 The Big Breakfast. 2.00 Doctors. 2.15 Missing. (R) 3.00 BBC News; Weather. Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Eastenders; BBC News. Regional News. 8.00 Watchdog. 9.00 MasterChef. The Final Three. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Question Time. 11.35 This Week. 12.20 Skiing Weather. 12.25 Sign Sign: Murdoch's The Prince. (R) 1.00 The Big Breakfast. 1.15 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 1.55 Natural World: Alaska. (R) 2.55 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 3.40 BBC News.

BBC2
6.00 *Cbeebies*. 7.00 *CBBC*. 8.30
Cartoon. 11.30 *BBC World News*.
12.00 *Daily Politics*. 1.00 *My Life in Books*. (R) 1.30
Top Gear. 2.00 *Countryfile*. 2.15 *Weekend Update*.
Escape to the Country. 3.45 *Flog*. (R) 4.30
Breakaway. 5.15 *Antiques Road Trip*. 6.00
Eggheads. 6.30 *Britain's First Photo Album*. 7.00
The Hairy Bikers' Bakeathon. (R) 8.00 *Natural*
World: Madagascar, Lemurs and Spies. 9.00
White Heat. 10.00 *The Sarah Millican Television*
Programme. 10.30 *Newsnight*. *Weather*. 11.20 *The*
Tube. (R) 12.20 *BBC News*. 3.40 *Close*. 4.00 *BBC*
Learning Zone.

TV 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 4.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 4.30 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Our Kids' Rotten Teeth: Tonight. 8.00 Emmerdale. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Love Life. 10.00 ITV News. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 For Better or Worse. 11.35 The Late Debate. 12.05 The Jonathan Ross Show. (R) 1.05 Take Me Out. (R) 1.55 The Zone; ITV News. 2.00 The Zone; ITV News. 2.05 The Zone; ITV News. 3.00 The Zone; ITV News. 3.25 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.25 According to Jim. 7.55 Festival Morning Line. 8.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.25 Frasier. (R) 9.55 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. 10.00 The Howard Stern Show. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Taking Mad with Eric Lanard. 12.30 Cheltenham Festival. Including the 3.20 Ladbrokes World Hurdle (3m). 1.00 Deadwood. 1.30 The Simpsons. (R) 2.00 5.30 Four in a Bed. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.vt. 8.00 Location, Location, Location. 9.00 Mary's Bottom Line. 10.00 Our Man in Tenerife. 11.05 The Big Breakfast. 11.30 The Simpsons. (R) 12.10 Cheltenham Festival Highlights. 12.40 China: Triumph and Turmoil. (R) 1.35 Channel 4 Presents - Stephen Miller Part Two. (R) 1.40 The President's Secret Teenager. and (R) 2.35 Stranded Little Fishes. 3.00 Confessions. (R) 2.55 The Bible: A History. (R) 3.50 Time Team. (R) 4.45 Responder. (R) 5.30 90210. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 Live with Gaby. 12.10 5 News Luncetime. 12.15 Emergency Bikers. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 The Bill. 2.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. 3.00 Fray for Bobby. (2009) Fact-based drama, starring Sigourney Weaver, Ryan Kelley and Henry Czerny. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.15 Live UEFA Europa League. Football highlights vs Manchester United. (Kick-off 6.00pm). 7.00 5 News at 7. 8.00 Action adventure, starring Vin Diesel, Samuel L. Jackson, Asia Argento, Marton Csokas and Michael Roock. 10.25 Film: The Foreigner. (2003) Drama. Starring Sam Worthington, Kate Winslet, Louise Plowman, Max Ryan, Harry Van Gorkum and Jeffrey Pierce. 12.15 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming offering viewers the chance to win cash prizes. 1.00 The Big Bang Theory. 3.55 House, M.D. Doctor. (R) 2.20 Wildlife. 3.55 Channel 5's Wild Challenge. (R)

Friday

BBC1 10.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Crime and Punishment. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Cowboy Tractor. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.30 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 The Big Breakfast. 2.00 Doctors. 2.15 Missing. (R) 3.00 BBC News; Weather. Regional News. 3.05 CBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News. 6.55 The Big Breakfast. 7.00 BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 Helen's Polar Challenge for Sport Relief. 9.00 News. (R) 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News. 10.55 The Graham Norton Show. 11.00 The Big Breakfast. 11.30 The Big Draw. Film: The Last Castle. (2001) Prison thriller, starring Robert Redford and James Gandolfini. 1.35 Weatherview. 1.40 Sign Zone: Accused. (R) 2.40 The Big Breakfast. (R) 3.00 Bees, Butterflies and Blooms. (R) 4.40 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 Cbeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 My Life in Books. (R) 1.30 Living Dangerously. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. 3.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.45 Flood It! 4.00 Breakaway 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Antiques Road Trip. 6.30 Britain's First Footy. 7.00 The Culture Show. 8.00 Mastermind. 8.30 Gardeners' World. 9.00 Reverse Missionaries. 10.00 QI. (R) 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 The Review Show. 11.45 Weather. 11.50 Film: The Singing Detective. (2013) Musical drama, starring Robert Downey Jr. (R) 12.00 The Culture Show. (R) 2.35 BBC News. 4.45 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. 7.59 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 7.00 Coronation Street. 7.30 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 8.00 Coronation Street. 8.00 Safari Vet School. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Benidorm. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather.

ITV2 10.35 Film: Mad Max 2. (1981) Futuristic adventure sequel, starring Mel Gibson. 12.20 The Zone. (TV-14) Comedy, starring Toni Collette and Nia Vardalos. 4.20 ITV Nightseries. 5.30 ITV Morning

News.

Channel 4 **6.10** The Hoobs. **8.7** **6.35** Squeezed. **7.30** According to Jim. **7.55** Festival Morning Line. **8.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. **9.25** Friday. **10.05** The Bill Engvall Show. **10.30** Agent. **11.00** You Deserve This House. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** Baking Mad with Eric Nardini. **12.30** Cheltenham Festival. **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. **1.30** The Simpsons (3m 2 1/2). **4.15** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.30** Four in a Bed. **6.00** The Simpsons. **7.10** **6.30** Holyrocks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.25** The Bill Engvall Show. **7.50** The Bill Engvall Show. **7.55** Come Dine with Me. **8.30** New Girl. **9.00** The Celebrity Bank Job. **10.00** Rude Tube. **10.12** **12.05** The Inbetweeners. **1.05** Cheltenham Festival. **1.30** The Bill Engvall Show. **1.35** Pushing Tin. (1999) Comedy drama, starring John Cusack. **3.40** Crash, Bang, Wallow. **3.45** My

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** Live with Gaby. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Emergency. **1.30** The Big Breakfast. **1.45** Home & Away. **2.05** NCIS. **3.15** Film: Nora Roberts Tribute. **2009** Premiere. Romantic mystery, with Brittany Murphy, Jason Lee, Christine, Oliver, Dianne Swannard and Tippi Hedren. **5.00** Neighbours. **8.00** The Great Fells. **8.30** Home and Away. **9.00** Inside Hollywood. **9.30** The Great Falklands Gamble: Revealed. **10.00** 5 News Update. **8.00** Eddie Stobart: Truckers' Choice. **10.00** Out-of-favour fashion designer is murdered. **10.00** Castle. Crime drama, starring Nathan Filion. **10.55** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. **11.15** Inside Hollywood. **12.00** SuperCase. **3.55** The Muppet Musical. **7.00** Wildlife SOS. **8.00** Michael's Wild Challenge.



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Renault gearing up for the electric revolution

RENAULT thinks one in ten new cars bought around the world in 2020 will be powered by a battery and has already invested billions to help make that forecast come true.

By Ian Donaldson

So it must hope the sales figures for purely-electric vehicles in the UK are going to pep up dramatically to help towards a brighter plug-in future. Last year we bought just 1,082 of them from the handful of car makers with a model in the showroom. Now comes Renault's first passenger vehicle to point us towards a cleaner life in cars that emit nothing horrid from their tailpipes (and don't have exhausts anyway).

It's called the Fluence and you feel Renault knows the real electric push won't come from this car. We'll

have to wait a few months for that and the arrival of the Zoe, a chic looking compact hatch that might just become the must-have urban runaround for the on-trend motorist.

The Fluence can't hope to fill that bill. It's big (based on a stretched Megane with the large new battery behind the rear seats) and gawky looking and, crucially, can manage as little as 50 miles between overnight charges.

In the right conditions (light town work with heater and lights off) you might stretch that to 125 miles, but the Fluence is inevitably going to be a second car in the family, which will need something that goes a lot further, a lot of the time.

Opposition

Still, should you find you could offer a Fluence the right conditions to thrive you'll be buying a car that looks good value against the limited opposition.

With the government's £5,000 electric car subsidy taken into account the Fluence costs either £17,495 for the Expression or £18,395 for the posher and very well equipped Dynamique driven here.

You must then hire the battery, from £76 a month with a 6,000 miles a year limit (more miles cost extra). Renault reckons not buying the battery outright gives a Fluence owner peace of mind that it won't cost a

fortune to replace, and will also make the car easier to sell when the time comes.

Lower servicing charges than a comparable petrol or diesel engine car help keep running costs down and there's the huge attraction of the £3 recharge too.

The car drives pretty well; electric motors produce most push from low revs and the Fluence fairly flies from a standing start, accompanied by a distant whine that sounds like your holiday jet launching itself along the runway.

Lift off and the cabin turns limo quiet at low speeds, go a bit faster and tyres and wind noise give it the feel of a well insulated conventional car.

It rides well too, with a relaxing loping that would perfectly suit a car capable of much greater distances than the Fluence manages between enforced stops.

Use all its performance and the battery level meter on the dash will plunge; I consumed a quarter of the charge in 20 miles on an admittedly chilly day (needing the heater on) and along a winding, hilly route.

Which means you'll be a bit of an eco hero to buy one. The smaller Zoe looks a more promising prospect for saving the planet.

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World Speedway Champion Greg Hancock Returning to Cradley Heath

Cradley Heathens legend and current World Speedway Champion Greg Hancock is returning home to where his career started 24 years ago. Fans will have the chance to meet Greg when he opens the new Motor Market car dealership site in Newtown Lane, Cradley Heath on Saturday 17th March at 11:30pm.



Greg made almost 400 appearances for the club, which gave his career a start back in 1989. American Greg crowned a fantastic season last year by becoming World Champion for the 2nd time at the age of 41.

Motor Market co owner Adam Bridge said "It's very exciting for us to be involved in bringing Greg back to Cradley Heath. We know exactly what speedway and Greg mean to the people of Cradley and giving Greg's fans the opportunity to meet and congratulate him in person will be fantastic. It really should be a great day."

To add to the occasion Carol's famous Heathens pork sandwiches and refreshments will be provided free from the original catering van used on the Dudley Wood site. A raffle with prizes including 2 Dudley Heathens season tickets, further special guests and children's entertainment with a bouncy castle and face painting will all be on site.

Greg's rare appearance back in the UK is largely thanks to Colin Pratt his former Heathens boss



who brought him to Cradley back in the late 80's. Colin, now in charge at Coventry Bees, has assembled a world class field of top stars, led by Greg to ride in The Brandonapolis Open meeting Friday 16th March at Brandon.

A third opportunity to pay tribute to Greg will be on the evening of Saturday 17th March at The Venue, Dudley from 8.30pm where Greg will take to the stage as the star attraction along with Jan O Pedersen, Colin and other surprise guests in an event organised by the Heathens Supporters Club. Tickets are available at £10 and can be purchased at www.dudleyheathens.co.uk or contact HSSC on 07766 745681.

Motor Markets Dean Bridge added, "It should be a very special weekend for the many people still fanatical about speedway in the area. You only need to attend the British Grand Prix in Cardiff each summer to see the amount of goodwill and support still given to Greg by the Cradley fans, I've no doubt, even today we still regard him as one of our own."

I would doubt whether there's ever been a more popular Speedway World Champion. We could not wish for a better ambassador for the sport or our town. I know the Heathens fans are very proud of him and his achievements and hope they turn out in force to welcome him back to Cradley Heath."



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The UK-specification Subaru BRZ is set to add generous standard equipment to its already impressive arsenal.

Subaru's new 2+2 coupe has already generated high levels of interest at dealerships, with many customers placing orders before pricing and standard equipment have been announced.

The Japanese brand has now revealed that top-specification models come with 17-inch alloy wheels, a torque-sensing LSD, front,

side, curtain and knee airbags, MP3 connectivity, dual-zone climate control and LED daytime running lights.

The driver-focused BRZ will also come with Subaru's VDC (Vehicle Dynamic Control) and can be fitted with either a six-speed short-shift manual or paddle-operated automatic transmission.

A second, lower-spec model will also be made available a little later in the year, as will a third 'stripped out' version, which promises to be the perfect solution for those who wish to tune and fettle the BRZ to

their own tastes, as well as track-day enthusiasts.

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The BRZ is available in six eye-catching colours all of which suit the car perfectly, including Subaru's trademark WR Blue Mica, Sterling Silver, Satin White, Crystal Black Silica, Dark Grey Metallic and San Remo Red.

The carefully conceived powertrain packaging allows Subaru's celebrated horizontally-opposed 200PS 2.0-litre Boxer engine to be positioned lower than ever before. The 2+2 coupe has the lowest centre of

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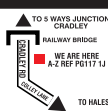
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Goals do the early damage

Kirby Muxloe 4 Causeway United 2

CAUSEWAY went three goals behind in 14 minutes in Leicestershire and despite a brave comeback, they could not salvage anything from the game.

They were one down in the first minute when Kirby captain Stuart Verrall got on the end of a Sam Taylor cross to score.

Taylor then headed the second two minutes later.

The third came when Aaron Preston got down the left, ran at the visiting defence and crossed for Taylor to easily score.

Causeway could have got two goals back by half-time but Aaron Lloyd screwed a shot wide and Matt Gardner wanted to much time in the box.

It seemed all over for Causeway on 52 minutes when goalkeeper Tom Turner brought down Taylor and Verrall converted the spot-kick.

But Sam Beasley reduced the deficit three minutes later with a strong shot which home goalkeeper Tom Holyoak failed to deal with.

Gardner's cross then hit the top of the bar before Lloyd made it 4-2 with 10 minutes to go.

Causeway stay in fourth in the table but only on goal difference from Kirby.

Luke soars for Hawks

LUKE PATTON was the star of the show as Halas Hawks Under-16s put West Hagley to the sword.

Patton bagged a hat-trick to help Hawks scoop the division three points.

Josh Cater (2), Lee Mills, Steve Barratt and man of the match Danny Hodges grabbed the other goals as Hawks won 8-0.

Louie Jones netted a second-half strike to earn Halas Hawks East Under-10s a draw away to Division One rivals Wolverhampton Olympic.

Beavons was on target for Halas Hawks Under-12s as they drew 1-1 with Gornal Colts.

Connor Fisher grabbed a consolation effort for Halas Hawks Under-13s in their 6-1 defeat to Sedgely White Lions.

Halas Hawks Under-18s suffered their first league defeat since early November as they went down 3-2 to NC Sports. Brad Hickman and Reece Shilcock scored for Hawks.

Promotion challenge still on for firsts

Old Halesonians 6-2 Droitwich

OLD Hales hockey firsts eased to another victory against league strugglers Droitwich.

Following points being docked from Old Silhillians, Old Hales' promotion push is still alive, as they move into the last two games of the season.

The game started at a high pace, and Droitwich held their own for the first 10 minutes as Hales struggled to break down their defensive line. Both teams had chances, but were unable to find the target. Old Halesonians soon started to dominate as they passed the ball around

well. The breakthrough came from striker Graham Knight who found the net in spectacular fashion as he volleyed home at the back post, after a winding run from man of the match Josh Randhawa.

Hales' second came when Mark Curzon scored from a penalty-corner. However, Droitwich hit back almost immediately to reduce the deficit after a deflected shot wrong-footed Hales' goalkeeper James Jones.

At 2-1, Hales picked up their game again and increased their lead with a goal from Tom Durnford. Before the break, Hales made

Old Halesonians

it 4-1 when Harry Hughes was the fourth name on the scoresheet, firing in from close range after he rounded the Droitwich keeper.

The second period saw Hales dominate possession but struggle to capitalise on their chances. Tom Bulteel was able to continue his scoring form, as he notched Hales' fifth. Droitwich did not give up, and after an innocuous challenge, Hales defender Ben Hughes was shown a green card. Droitwich were able to score again from the

resulting penalty corner to make it 5-2. As the game reached its conclusion, Harry Hughes grabbed his second of the game to make it 6-2.

Khalsa 4 Old Halesonians 0

Old Halesonians second XI were out-classed by table-topping Khalsa at St Nicholas Park.

The away side, looking to build for next season with neither promotion nor relegation a possibility, fielded a changed side which saw some of the club's bright youngsters given the chance to step up to a much quicker pace than what they are normally used to. The side started nervously, and their cause

was not helped when captain Steve Charlton let in a soft goal from a short corner within the opening few minutes. Hales struggled for rhythm and soon found themselves two down.

Hales' struggle continued in the second half, but a much more spirited effort saw them keep Khalsa to just another two goals, with many players settling down into the game.

Hales now face four fixtures before the end of the season, three of them at home, starting with a double-header next weekend against Finchfield and Stratford.

14-goal rout has third XI closing in

Old Halesonians 3 Bridgnorth 3

IT WAS a top-of-the-table clash at Great Park on Saturday, as second-placed Old Hales thirds played host to league leaders Bridgnorth.

The game certainly reflected the quality of the teams as the match started at a fast pace.

Unbeaten Bridgnorth soon found themselves behind, when the home side found the net through Stephen Butler.

Old Hales doubled their lead when midfield strong-hold Damian Shackleton scored. Before the break, Bridgnorth were able to grab a goal back after a defensive mix up.

After half-time, Hales increased their lead to two again as Dan Millichap made it 3-1.

Despite the scoreline, Bridgnorth continued to pile pressure on the Hales defence. And it was only a matter of time before they scored to make it 3-2.

In the final minute of the game, Bridgnorth were awarded a penalty-corner which found the net, to equalise for the league leaders.

This was to be the final action of the game, as the two top teams shared the spoils.

Old Halesonians 14 Solihull Blossomfield 0

On Sunday, Old Hales thirds XI hosted a depleted Solihull Blossomfield side that are all but relegated after their huge loss to Hales.

The win means that Old Halesonians third XI have almost secured promotion, as they need just one point from the last three games.

With only 10 players and no goalkeeper, Solihull Blossomfield put up a good fight in the early periods of the game, but they soon started to leak goals.

The Hales strike-force made extremely hard work of putting the ball into the empty net on several occasions in the first half. As the Blossomfield side tired, Hales dominated the game and put plenty of goals on the score sheet.

Adam Hill scored four; Damian Shackleton, Charles Palmer and Conor Reid all scored two with Nathan Kelly, Deck Glaze, Gareth Bayley and Kris Sunburk all grabbing a goal.

Other Results: Barford Tigers 5-2 OHHC 4th XI; Stourport 0-2 OHHC Ladies.

Hodgson has got The Hawthorns boinging

Albion 1 Chelsea 0

ALBION boss Roy Hodgson is tearing up the history books and proving the man to avoid for rival managers.

Hodgson is the boss who has made the Baggies feel at home in the Premier League. The man who vanquished the Villa hoodoo and banished the Britannia Stadium jinx helped the Baggies finally conquer their Chelsea curse too on another fabulous day at The Hawthorns.

And with Hodgson's side threatening the same kind of end-of-season charge that they managed a year ago, the boss and his players have still bigger fish to fry – after cooking Andre Villas-Boas' goose.

Chelsea boss Villas-Boas paid the price for his side's defeat when he was axed on Sunday, just two weeks after Hodgson's men sentenced Wolves Mick McCarthy to a similar fate.

Gareth McAuley's close-range late strike made him the first Baggies match-winner against the Blues since 1979.

Yet even without McAuley netting the first Albion winner against the Londoners since Ally Brown, the performance of Hodgson's side in their third successive victory sent out a clear message about the changing top-flight mentality within the squad.

Only once before had Albion claimed three straight Premier League victories before Saturday's rousing effort, and that treble came almost 10 years ago when the victims of Gary Megson's side – Fulham, West Ham and Southampton – all suffered 1-0 defeats.

This time they humiliated their local rivals away from home, thumped a resurgent Sunderland side under Martin O'Neill and then disposed of one of the league's giants with thoroughly deserved success.

And the true mark of the distance the



Gareth McAuley wheels away after netting the winning goal for Albion



Albion striker Peter Odemwingie takes on Ashley Cole

Baggies have travelled under Hodgson is that Saturday's triumph over a beleaguered Blues outfit was not altogether surprising.

It still took a monumental effort for a Baggies team, costing less than £10m in transfer fees, to defeat a Blues side whose costly construction has drained dry countless Russian oil fields.

It was cruelly fitting that the man who helped lay the seeds should be present on the Chelsea bench to witness the biggest single spurt in Albion's blossoming into a genuine top-flight force.

This time, however, former Baggies head coach Roberto Di Matteo – who is now the Chelsea boss after Villas-Boas' axe – was a frustrated spectator as he was forced to witness how the man who replaced him has elevated the side he left behind.

The Italian had masterminded Albion's most impressive Premier League success before Saturday with a thrilling victory at Arsenal last season.

But even that memorable win in North London did not carry the assurance and certainty of purpose that Hodgson has injected and that has changed perceptions of the club's place in the Premier League.

It was that purpose, combined with the towering confidence created by the previous two wins, that brought the result.

And while national sights were again trained on the doomed Villas-Boas, local attention was focused on increasing momentum in Hodgson's side. They enjoyed their share of good fortune, not least with Chelsea's England new-boy Daniel Sturridge first firing an excellent chance wide late in the opening period and then backing out of a one-on-one with keeper Ben Foster 10 minutes after the interval.

Frank Lampard wasted a glorious stoppage-time chance and Albion had to defend valiantly, too, with Foster saving impressively from Michael Essien's dipping first-half shot and the superb Liam Ridgwell

making a crucial block to deny Juan Mata.

But, as Villas-Boas graciously conceded, on the balance of play the hosts were excellent value for their win.

Chelsea keeper Petr Cech denied James Morrison superbly and Marc-Antoine Fortune plus Youssef Mulumbu routinely in a first half that the Baggies shaded.

And only Cole's fabulous covering run and tackle denied returning captain Chris Brunt during a second half that Hodgson's men bossed from start to finish.

So when, with eight minutes remaining, Keith Andrews kept alive a Brunt corner and Ridgwell's snatched shot was diverted in by McAuley, there was no denying Albion had earned their breakthrough.

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Matthews back from break to claim win

HALESOWEN'S Neil Matthews came back to the West Midlands without the holiday blues after cutting his break short to win a forest rally.

The 35-year-old and his co-driver Ian Harden, from north London, took maximum points in the Lake District last weekend.

They beat 26 other crews in their class, driving a 1600cc Vauxhall Nova, to continue their winning form into the new season.

Matthews said: "I am delighted with the way Ian and I have got on so far. We are a new partnership and we are trying to win."

"We want one of the main club championships in the UK this year and, after two rounds, we are only three points behind the leaders."

"We have to go to Somerset for the next round in April and, later on, we have a trip to Sherwood Forest, near Nottingham, along with other rounds in Wales and Shropshire."

"In between now and the next event I need to find just a little bit more power from the engine, if we are to remain competitive."

The score puts Matthews third in the MSA English Rally Championship table with two points separating him from joint leaders Allan McDowall and Julian Wilkes.

But he does top the Swisher MSA English Class E3 Driver chart, 22 points clear of his nearest competitor Robin Williams.

Riders can saddle up for season

SANDWELL LIONS Cycle-Speedway needs new riders for the new season which starts in April.

Training takes place at the Tivendale track every Wednesday night from 7.30pm.

Anyone interested is invited to turn up, have a look around and try out one of the bikes. Old riders are welcome to pop in and meet friends old and new.

The track is situated in Lower City Road, From Birmingham/Wolverhampton Road, travel halfway down Lower City Road, through blue gates on the right hand side, follow the path round to track at the top. From Dudley Road it is on the left halfway up Lower City Road.

Pratt to keep tabs on Heathens' progress

FORMER Cradley boss Colin Pratt will have extra reason to follow Heathens' progress this season.

Netherton-based Pratt, who also rode for the club in 1970, is in charge of Coventry and Bees asset Adam Roynon will lead the Heathens as skipper and No.1 in the new campaign.

Heathens launch their season on Tuesday, April 3, against Stoke at Monmore in the Staffs Cup.

Pratt said: "Adam is a very good rider and we all know the bad luck he's had

Dudley Heathens

throughout his career with injuries, he's had more than his fair share.

"I'll get across to Wolverhampton as much as I can to see him riding for Dudley and obviously he will figure in the Coventry team at times during the season."

"It would be nice for Heathens fans to see their team have a good season and the whole Dudley project can only continue to raise the profile. I know

things are going on behind the scenes which might take some time but as long as the team are on track and in the headlines it keeps the flag flying.

"I wish them well for the coming season. Once again I will follow their results with interests."

"I still live within close proximity to the old stadium and have many friends from the old Cradley days."

Pratt will be one of the guests at a special evening to celebrate former Cradley star Greg Hancock's world

title success next week. Hancock will be honoured on Saturday, March 17, at the Conference Venue and Banqueting Suite on Dudley High Street.

The special evening has already sold more than 300 tickets and fans are urged to book quickly.

Tickets can be bought online at www.dudleyheathens.com or by sending a cheque payable to HSSC, 2 Caernarvon Way, Dudley, West Midlands, DY1 2TR. For more details, contact HSSC on 07766 745681.

Strikers make sure good run continues

Halesowen Town 2 Abingdon United 0

STRIKERS Ben Haseley and Naveed Arshad were on target as in-form Halesowen extended their unbeaten run to five games.

The duo struck in either half to secure the Evo-Stik League Southern Division One South and West points.

Haseley made a lively start and almost opened the scoring after five minutes.

The striker collected a pass from Marcus Jackson and side-stepped two defenders before forcing a save from visiting keeper James Foster.

Chances were scarce for Abingdon although Danny Seawood was unlucky to see his 13th-minute volley strike the post.

The Yeltz had the better of the first half with goal-keeper Foster staying alert to deny Haseley again.

But Haseley was not to be denied and he put Halesowen ahead in the 33rd minute, reacting smartly to nod home his sixth goal in eight games after Neil Barnfield's blocked shot looped upwards following good work from Mark Smith.

Just before the interval, Matthew Biddle netted for the Us from close range but his effort was ruled outside.

The hosts went close again early in the second half when Richard Huckfield headed against the Abingdon bar from Michael McGrath's cross.

There was little sign of Abingdon getting back into game although Halesowen left it late to double their lead via the penalty spot.

Leading scorer Arshad was bundled over in the area by Jack Smith eight minutes from time. Arshad then stepped up to beat Foster from the spot by lofting a cheeky shot into the net.

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BRUNT KEEN TO SEE BAGGIES KEEP ROY

ALBION players are urging chairman Jeremy Peace to do all he can to keep Roy Hodgson at The Hawthorns.

Captain Chris Brunt became the last Baggie to add his voice to the dressing room chorus keen to see the club tie the head coach down on a long-term deal.

Hodgson's contract runs out this summer and, with the England managerial vacancy offering a further distraction in the battle to retain his services, Brunt is keeping his fingers crossed Peace can strike a deal to keep the former Liverpool and Fulham boss.

Brunt, who returned to action after a lengthy injury lay-off in last Saturday's victory over Chelsea, reckons Hodgson is capable of driving the club onwards and upwards with its strongest ever Premier League squad.

"He's got the lads on board and results show that," said Brunt.

"Of course we all want him to stay - we can see how well he's done since he's been here."

"Saturday's win certainly shows how far we've come. We were the better side all over the park. It shows the progression we've made. It would not have been a surprise to anyone. It was probably half expected."

"I'm sure he'd like to stay but it's one for him to answer. We were on a downward spiral when he came and if you look at how things have changed then a lot of that is down to him."

"There's no reason why we can't keep Roy Hodgson - he's been a major factor in us doing well."

Hodgson's profile will rise

by Martin Swain

still further if the Baggies can pull off a positive result at Manchester United this weekend

And Brunt is full of optimism following a run of three straight League victories that has lifted Albion up to ninth in the table.

"Why can't we get a result?" said Brunt. "We'll be underdogs despite our three wins and United will be expected to just turn up and win."

"But there is no reason why we can't go up there and cause an upset although we do know that it's going to be one of the most difficult games of our season - if not the most difficult game of the season. We will be full of confidence."

The uncertainty surrounding Hodgson's future means Albion will delay plans to replenish their coaching staff following the departure of Terry Burton this week.

Burton was released with the club's blessing to resume his long-standing partnership with Dave Jones following his appointment at Sheffield Wednesday.

But there are no immediate plans to replace Burton in a sure sign that Albion will wait to see how Hodgson's future plans pan out.

Hawthorns men have plenty in reserve

NICKY SHOREY struck with a memorable goal to give Albion a leg-up in their double-challenge to Manchester United this week.

Shorey, making the most of an outing in midfield, grabbed the only goal of the game as Albion's reserves overcame United to keep up the pursuit of neighbours Villa at the top.

The victory lifted the hosts back above Arsenal into second place in the Barclays Premier Reserve League (South) table and kept alive their title challenge. They are six points behind Villa but with a game in hand.

Shorey pounced in the 18th minute with a solo effort, slipping by two defenders before curling a right-foot shot into the top corner from just inside the area.

There was almost a second for the Baggies soon after when Adil Nabi collected a pass from Liam O'Neill only for keeper Ben Amos to deny him before Nabi fired straight at Amos after being set up by Alex Jones.

Albion's lead was preserved by some desperate defending from Cameron Gayle. Originally guilty of giving the ball away, Gayle dashed back to deny striker Will Keane by clearing his effort off the line.

There was then opportunity after the break for Luke Daniels to impress with a fine save from Davide Petrucci.

The Baggies, who saw Graham Dorrans join Shorey in getting a valuable 90 minutes under his belt, held on and will now hope the first team can repeat their efforts in Sunday's Premier League clash at Old Trafford.



Nicky Shorey is the centre of attention following his match-winning strike

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